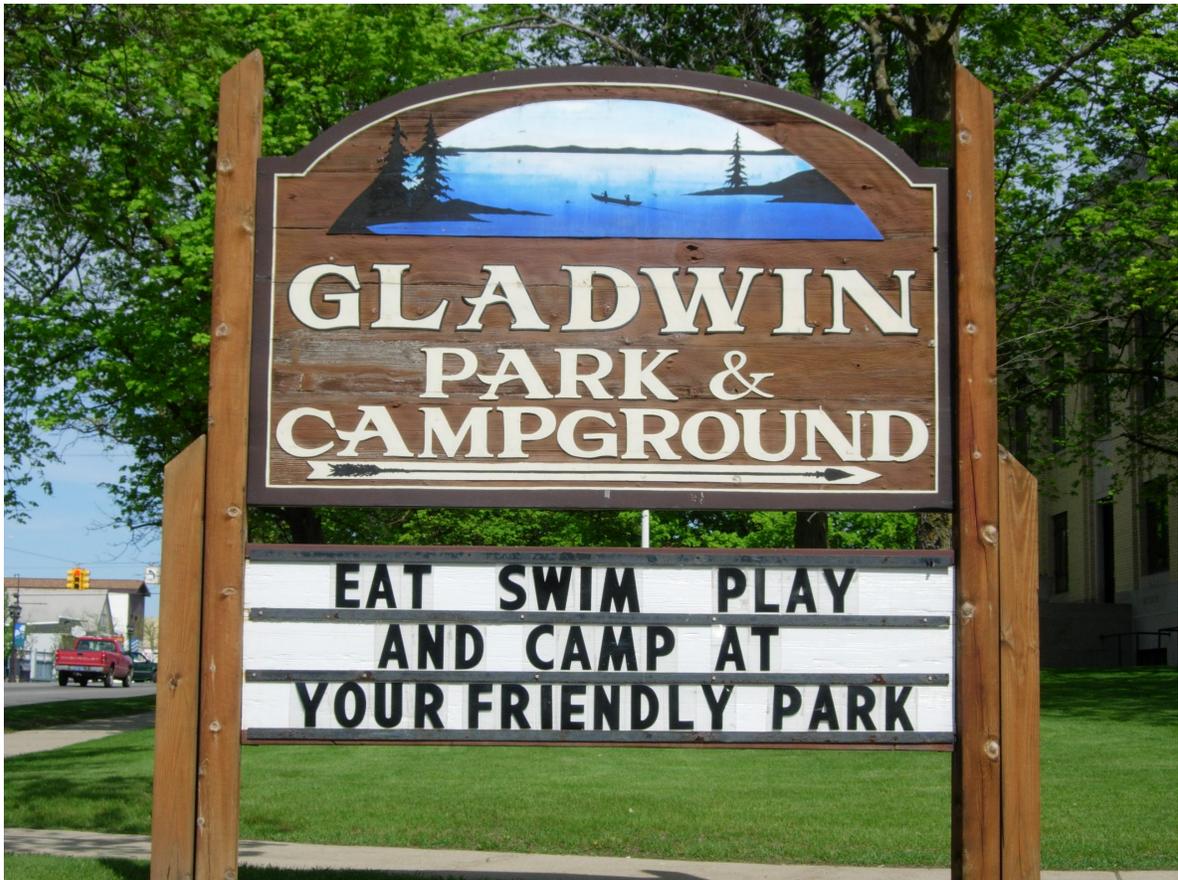


**Community Recreation Plan
for the
City of Gladwin
2015**



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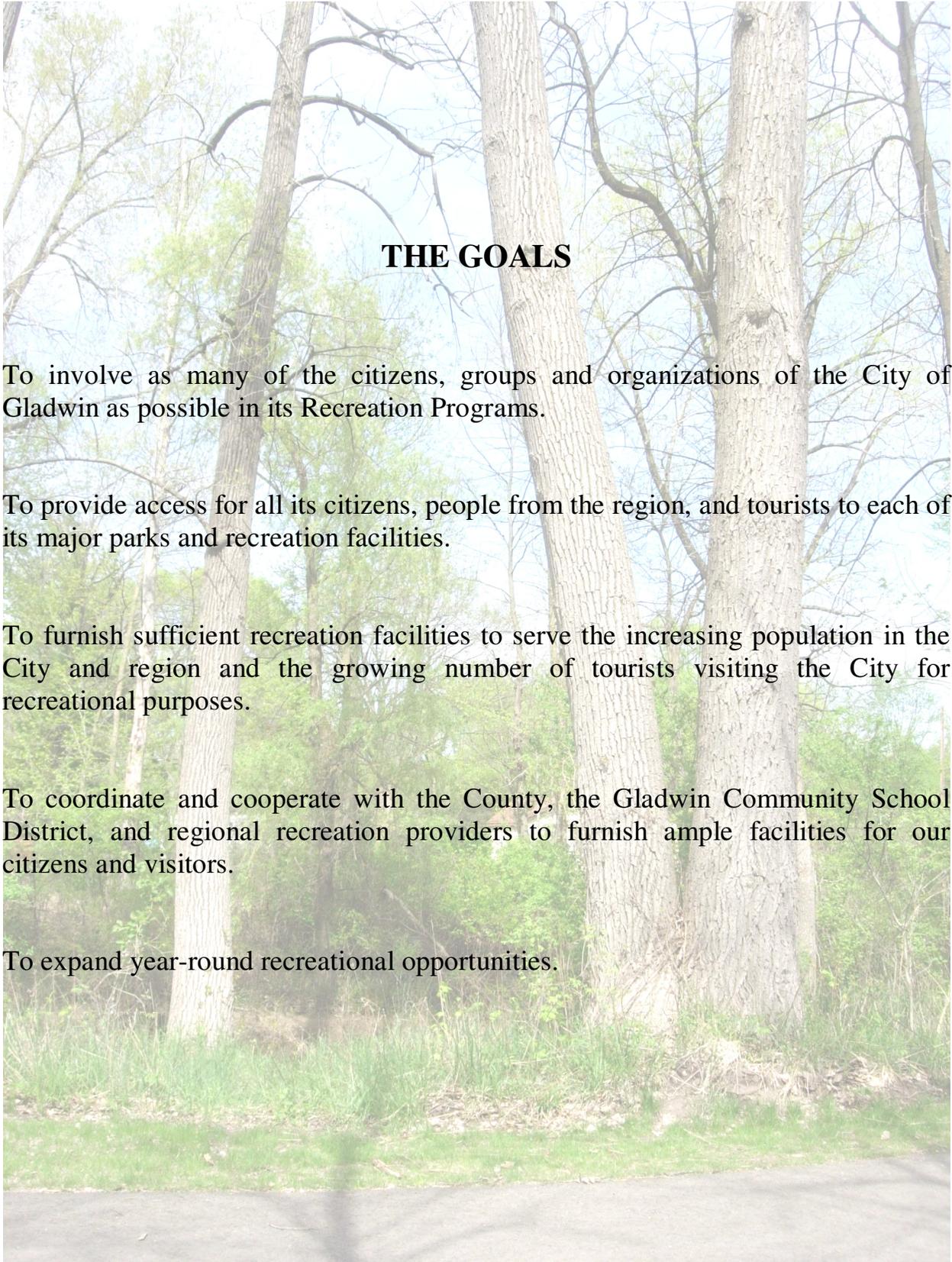
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Vision and Purpose

The people of Gladwin, Michigan see themselves at the center of one of the most beautiful and hospitable communities in all of Michigan. The Gladwin area abounds in natural resources that furnish abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation and flourishes in human resources that have created some of the best opportunities for recreation and sports in Mid-Michigan. This plan seeks to continue to expand these opportunities hoping to provide the best facilities, activities, and programs for all its citizens and visitors.



Children Playing in the Cedar River at North Park.



THE GOALS

To involve as many of the citizens, groups and organizations of the City of Gladwin as possible in its Recreation Programs.

To provide access for all its citizens, people from the region, and tourists to each of its major parks and recreation facilities.

To furnish sufficient recreation facilities to serve the increasing population in the City and region and the growing number of tourists visiting the City for recreational purposes.

To coordinate and cooperate with the County, the Gladwin Community School District, and regional recreation providers to furnish ample facilities for our citizens and visitors.

To expand year-round recreational opportunities.

Process

Gladwin's last Recreation Plan was prepared and approved in 2010 with the help of Lapham Associates to aid the Parks Commission to create a new recreation plan for the city. A series of meetings were held to review the status of projects proposed in 2015. A public meeting was publicized and held to gather at-large citizen input for community needs. Contacts were made with the school district, county officials involved with the sports complex and other recreational facilities, members of the local tennis club and the Historical Society. All were invited to attend the planning meetings as well as official public hearings before the Parks Commission and the City Council. Notices and articles regarding the recreation plan were published in the local newspaper, *The Gladwin County Record and Clarion*.

Existing facilities and programs were assessed against the proposed new ones and against objective standards and the relevant data collected during the process. Goals were then put forth and the overall plan was devised with schedules for action and budgeting of major capital expenditures.

The City of Gladwin Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails Master Plan is appended to this plan by reference.

The completed draft was approved by the Parks Commission and presented to the citizens of the community at a public hearing. The Parks Commission approved the plan and recommended approval by the City Council. The City Council approved the plan on February 16, 2015.

City Administrative Structure

The City of Gladwin has a manager - council form of government with a city administrator to oversee daily operations. The Parks Commission is therefore under the authority of the council and mayor with the guidance of the city administrator. The Parks Commission was formed in 1983 when the city acquired the Gladwin State Park (now the Gladwin South City Park) from the State of Michigan. The Commission represents the interests from throughout the area: Gladwin County, Gladwin Community Schools, tourist related businesses, senior citizens, and others. The Commission recommends the appointment of the Parks Manager to oversee programs and activities as well as the development and maintenance of city park facilities. Maintenance and many of the capital improvement projects are performed by the City Public Works Department with recommendations from the Parks Commission and Parks Manager.

The Parks Commission actively pursues recreational possibilities and projects throughout the city and in cooperation with the county, the school district and with other groups such as the Gladwin Hockey Association, Gladwin Skate Park and Gladwin Sports Complex in order to provide the best facilities and opportunities for recreation for all of its citizens and for

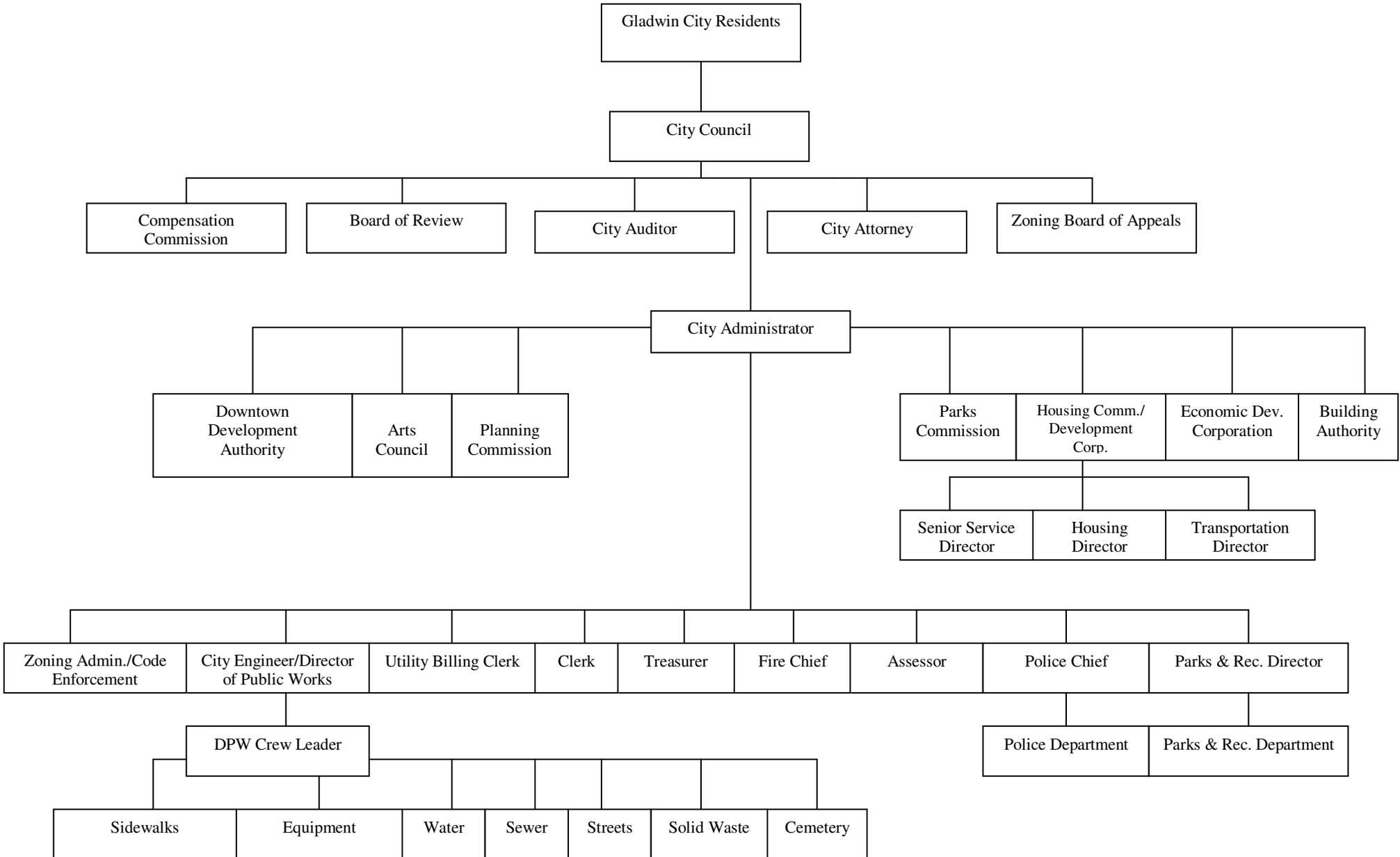
visitors to the area. A new organization to install, operate and promote bicycle trails in the county has recently been created. The Parks Commission is working with this group – The Friends of Gladwin County Trails – in this effort. The City of Gladwin and the Commission promote the city’s recreational opportunities as part of its effort to attract tourists, a primary economic sector of the region.

Over the last decade, the City of Gladwin has endeavored to make its parks and recreation programs open and accessible to all its citizens. The city maintains a policy of not only constructing all its new buildings and other facilities to handicapped accessibility standards, but all repairs and maintenance are also done to these specifications. All programs run by the city and those carried out jointly with the county, school district or other agencies are all designed to include the handicapped and structured so all may afford them. Particular recreation programs are carried out by the Council on Aging and others to serve various client groups. Good examples of these efforts are the archery program for mentally handicapped children run by the Gladwin Bow Hunters Association and the hard surfaced trail that currently goes through North Park to South Park and now is planned to be extended to the City of Beaverton and beyond.



City of Gladwin City hall building.

City of Gladwin Organizational Chart



City Expenditures and Budget for Recreation and Culture

The City of Gladwin spends between 5 to 10% of its annual budget for parks and recreation, averaging approximately 7%, as shown in the table at the right. The magnitude of these expenditures over the past ten years has varied greatly depending on repairs and maintenance and capital improvement projects undertaken in those years. Revenues for the Parks Commission are generated through fees from campers and pavilion rentals.

As indicated in the “Recreation Inventory” section of this plan, the city maintains its equipment, grounds, building and furnishings regularly and proficiently. It appears also from expenditures, well above budgeted figures, that the city council acts, as opportunities occur to provide the best facilities and programs within its means. The City of Gladwin’s part in making Gladwin Community Arena become a reality (see “Recreational Inventory”) exemplifies the leadership of the Parks Commission and the City Council and the prominent role recreation plays in the lives of the citizens of Gladwin and the entire Gladwin area. These citizens’ efforts extend even to the extraordinary skills and efforts of temporary tenants at the county jail who have provided invaluable services in building and maintaining many of the city facilities.

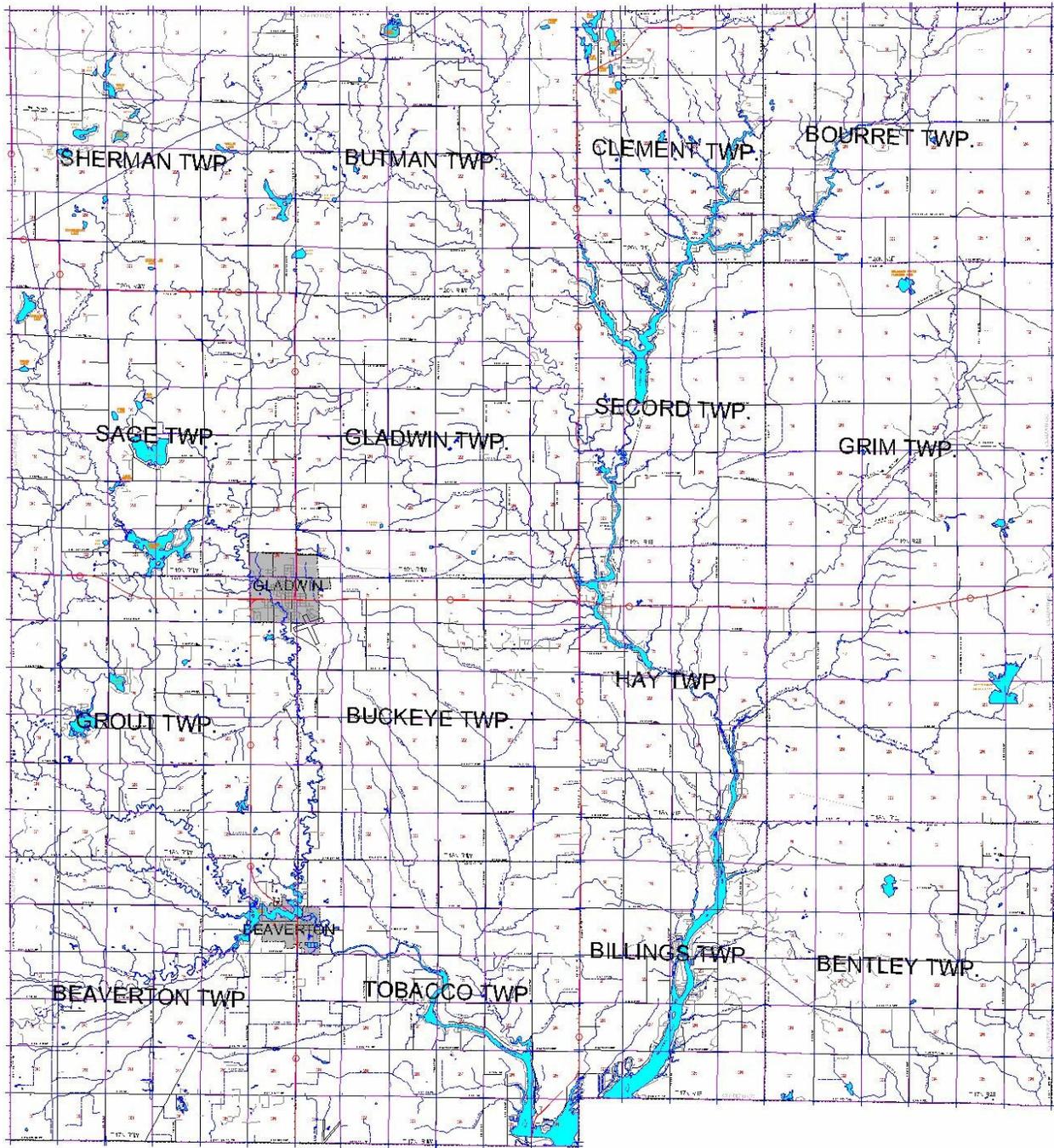
Recreation and Culture Expenditures 1998-2013

Year	Expenditures
1998	\$90,427
1999	\$130,543
2000	\$108,235
2001	\$122,054
2002	\$94,441
2003	\$143,593
2004	\$319,349
2005	\$99,442
2006	\$97,700
2007	\$82,926
2008	\$215,496
2009	\$118,334
2010	\$102,903
2011	\$496,598
2012	\$121,652
2013	\$116,698





City of Gladwin Location



Gladwin County Map



Digital-Ortho Aerial Photo of City of Gladwin and surrounding areas.

Geography

The City of Gladwin is the county seat of Gladwin County. Situated on the Cedar River, this city became known as “Cedar” back in 1875. Later renamed after the county, it was incorporated as a city in 1883. Gladwin County (latitude 43.980N, longitude 84.486W) is located in the central-northeastern section of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. The county was named in honor of British Major Henry Gladwin of Fort Detroit who defended the Fort against the assaults of Chief Pontiac in 1763 when Pontiac resisted the settlement of Michigan and Ohio by Europeans. The lumbering era of the late 1800’s was a boon to the county bringing a great increase of population and wealth. Farming became a way of life when the lumbering era ended and cleared lands were homesteaded by farmers. In the 1930’s an oil boom again led to an increase in the county’s population and helped finance the new county courthouse.

The City of Gladwin is located at the junctions of state highways M-18 and M-61. Much of the area surrounding the City of Gladwin is level to undulating with some rolling areas west of town. Within the city there are steep banks along the Cedar River except in areas of the North and South City Parks and the City Hall where the flood plain widens. Most of the wooded lands in the city are adjacent to the Cedar River. These woodlands are predominately broadleaf deciduous forests and provide excellent habitat for songbirds and other wildlife. The other major forested area in Gladwin is the city-owned property, mostly wetlands in the northeast corner of the city and near the industrial park. There are also numerous small wetlands, which surround much of the city and provide habitat for trees, shrubs, and other native natural vegetation and animals.

Typical of mid-Michigan, Gladwin County has fairly cold winters and cool summers. In January the average high temperature is 28° and the low 10°. The average high temperature in July is 82° and the low 56°. The highest recorded temperature is 105° and the lowest recorded temperature is -39°. The area receives an average annual precipitation of 31 inches and average annual snowfall of 52 inches. The growing season lasts about 126 days with the final freeze being around May 18 and the first freeze being around September 22. Gladwin has four distinct seasons with a plentitude of recreational opportunities in each.

Agriculture accounts for nearly 37% of the county’s area. Approximately 51% of the county is forested (186,000 acres) and the Tittabawassee State Forest makes up a large portion of this area.

The Tittabawassee State Forest with 80,000 acres of state land in Gladwin County covers almost a fourth of the county on the east, offering plenty of opportunity for hiking, bird watching, hunting, and snowmobiling. There are nearly 50 miles of backwater ponds, 450 miles of waterways, and 7300 acres of lakes and ponds in the county. The Tittabawassee River runs the length of the county and provides two major impoundment lakes, Secord and Smallwood. The Cedar River runs through the City of Gladwin and flows into the Tobacco River in the southeast of the county where the river then enters the Tittabawassee River. The Tobacco, Molasses, Sugar and Cedar rivers provide sport fishing. There are six lakes within a few miles of downtown Gladwin.

Development within the city ranges from single-family residences to industrial sites with single-family residences being by far the predominant land use (17% of the total

land area). Most existing single-family homes are north of the center of town (M-61) but new subdivisions are being created in all directions. There are few duplexes and multi-family structures, comprising only roughly 1% of the total city land area. There is also a small mobile home park on the north side of town that has 74 spaces.

The City of Gladwin has an active and growing commercial and office sector mainly along state highways M-61 and M-18 North. The enterprises in these areas provide services and goods to the local and regional community. Many of the businesses cater to sportsmen and women from the area and beyond as Gladwin's recreational opportunities are only a short drive (within a two and a half hours) from most metropolitan areas of the State. Many business owners are active in developing and promoting sports and recreational activities in the city and the county (e.g., Gladwin Hockey Association, Little League Association, Gladwin Bow Hunters Association).

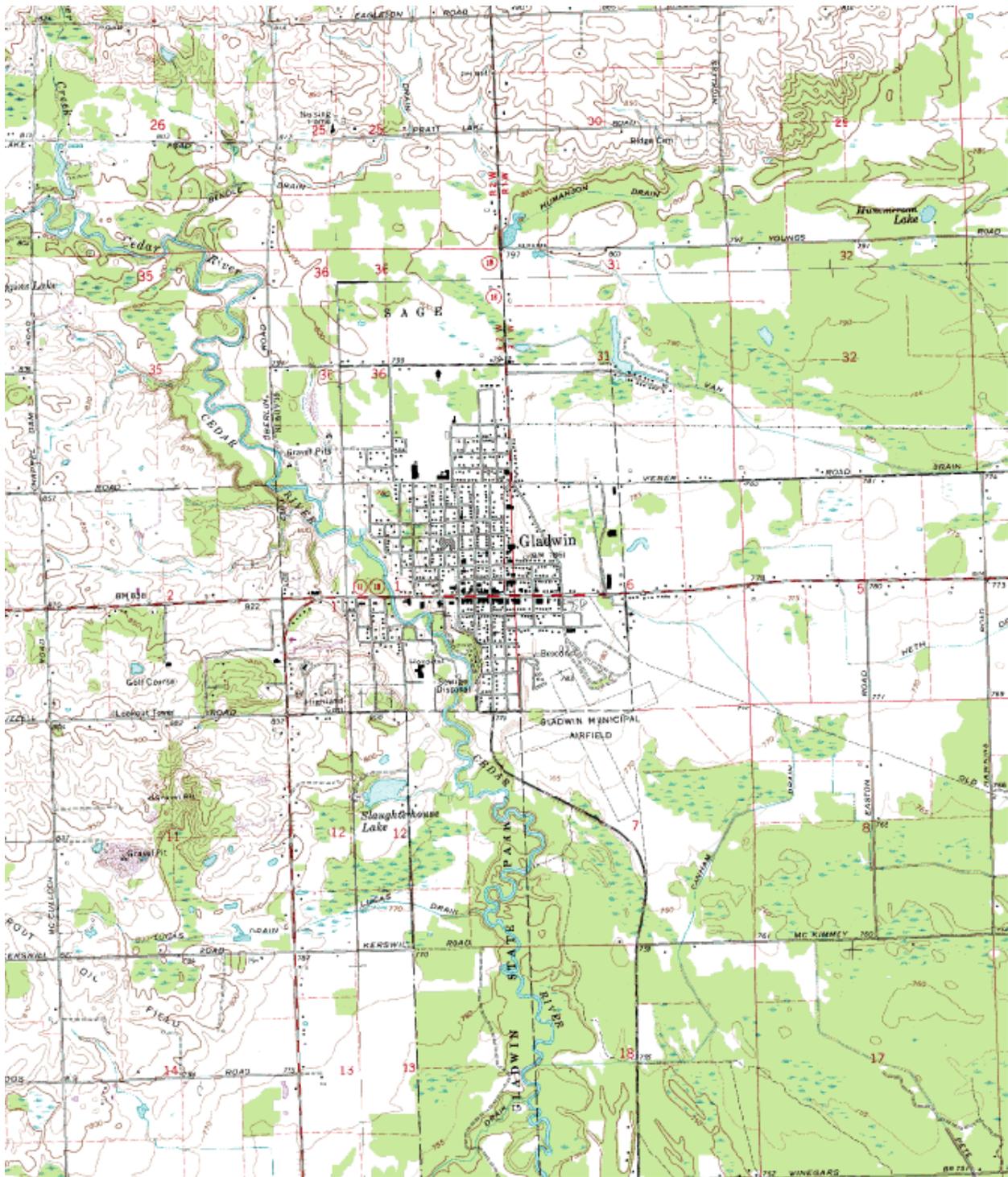
Services in the City of Gladwin include City Police, County Sheriff's Department and State Police, Gladwin Rural-Urban Fire Protection District Department and volunteer township fire departments, Department of Public Works, City Housing Commission; transportation through the Gladwin County Transit Corporation, the Gladwin County Library and the airport. The Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport is equipped with a 4,700 foot paved runway, instrument approach, low frequency beacon and is capable of handling small jets. Mid-Michigan Medical Center Gladwin is a 42 bed primary care hospital providing general medical and surgical care for inpatient and 24 hour emergency room services.

Industrial development has taken place mainly in the Gladwin Industrial Park where about 35 acres are dedicated and available for this use.

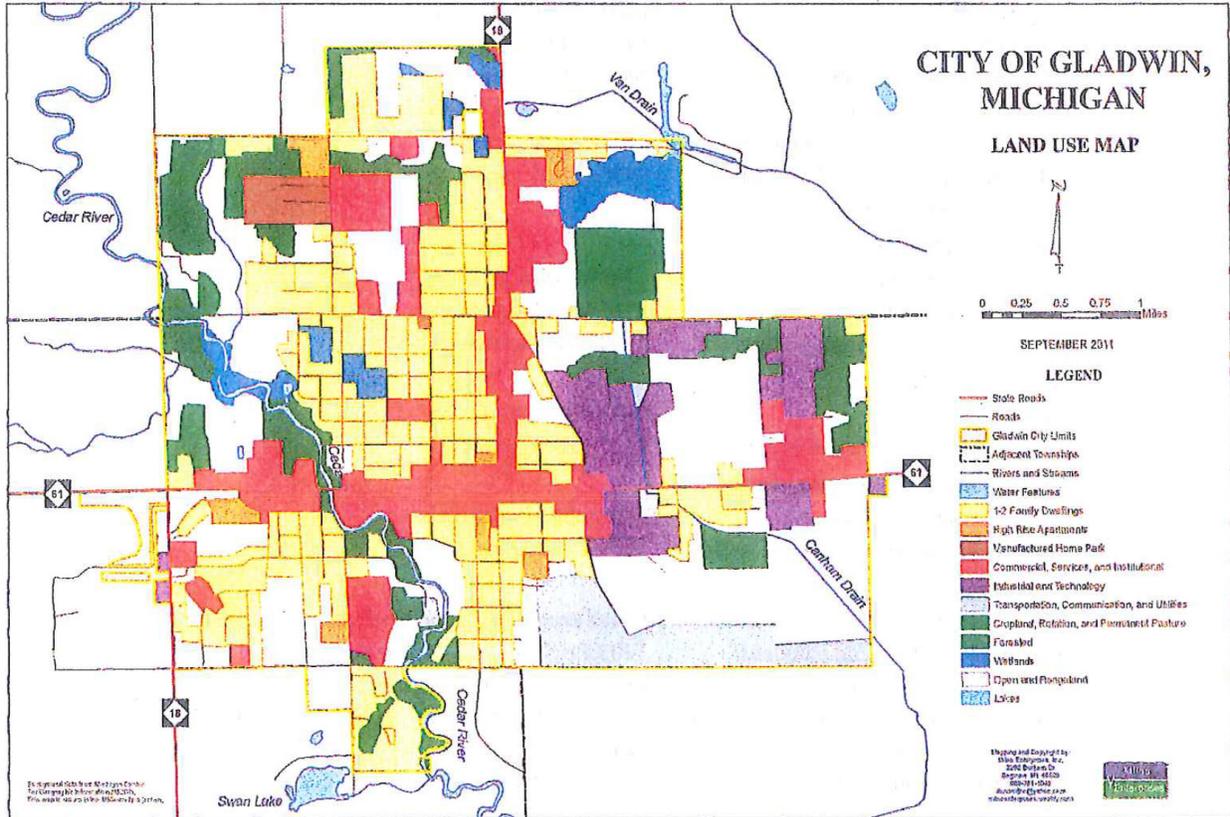
The parks and other public and semi-public uses (churches, schools, etc.) cover an almost equal amount of land as single-family homes. These large users of land actually contribute to open space and provide both passive and active recreational opportunities

By far, the largest amount of land within city boundaries is undeveloped. The woods, wetlands, and marshes in the city are prize wildlife areas that maintain the city's connections with the surrounding countryside and furnish an environment of beauty and natural resources for residents and visitors to the city.





U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Map



City of Gladwin Existing Land Use Map from 2014 Master Plan.

Zoning Districts

The City of Gladwin is divided into seven Zoning Districts as follows.

R-1A One-Family Residential District

Principal use is for single-family dwellings (12,000 sq. ft. minimum lots).

R-1B One-Family Residential District

Principal use is for single-family dwellings (7,500 sq. ft. minimum lots).

R-O Residential Office District

Transition of use in existing housing areas by permitting new construction or conversion of existing structures between adjacent residential and commercial, office, thoroughfares or other uses which would affect residential character. This district also recognizes the existence of older residential areas of the city where larger houses have been or can be converted from single-family and two-family residences to low-intensity commercial and office uses in order to extend the economic life of these structures and allow the owners to justify the expenditures for repairs and modernization.

R-M Multi-Family Residential District

Designed to provide sites for multi-family dwellings structures, and related uses, which will generally serve as a transitional land use between non-residential districts and lower density One-Family Districts. The multi-family District is further provided to serve the limited needs for the apartment type of unit in an otherwise medium density, one-family community.

C-1 Central Business District

Designed to cater to the needs of the local and regional consumer population. It is generally characterized by an integrated cluster of establishments serviced by common parking areas, and generating large volumes of both vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

C-2 Service Commercial District

Designed to provide sites for more diversified business types which would often be incompatible with the pedestrian movement in the Central Business District and which are oriented to serving the needs of “passer-by” traffic and locations for planned shopping centers. Many of the business types permitted also generate greater volumes of traffic and activities, which must be specially considered to minimize adverse effects of adjacent properties.

MT Manufacturing Technology District

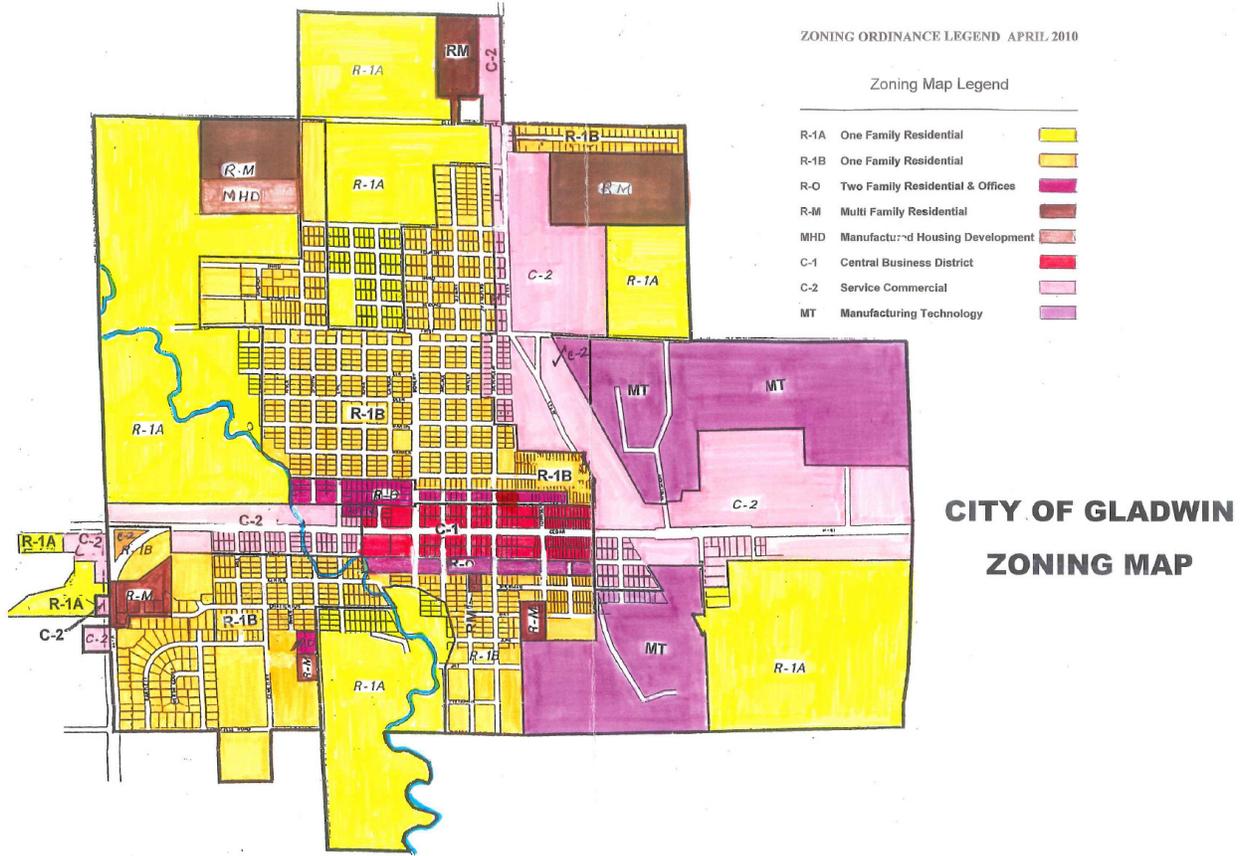
Designed to accommodate primarily wholesale activities, warehouses, and industrial operations whose external, physical effects are restricted to the area of the district and in no manner affect in a detrimental way any of the surrounding districts.

Residential districts comprise more than half of the city. Commercially zoned areas are adjacent to the M-61 and M-18 corridors. Industrial areas lie generally north and south of M-61 behind the commercially zoned areas.



Pathway by the Riverwalk Place

City of Gladwin Zoning Map



Demographics

The City of Gladwin population decreased by 2.3 percent from 2000 to 2010 going from 3,001 to 2,933. Over this ten-year period, the Gladwin County population has decreased 1.3%; the state has decreased 10%, while the United States population has increased 10%.



Pedestrian Bridge at North park.

City of Gladwin residents, similar to most of the region, are almost all white (98.6%) and are almost equally divided between the sexes, (1,316 male, 1,617 female). More than half of residents are homeowners (58%) where the average household size is 2.36 persons. The median age in the city is 40.4 years, with 22.3% of the population aged over 65 years of age.



Ranger Station at City Park

The Gladwin County population contains similar portions of pre-school age children (under 5 years old) and greater percentages of senior citizens than statewide averages. A review of the age data by political subdivision shows the greatest numbers of pre-school children living Gladwin, Sage and Grout Townships and in the cities of Beaverton and Gladwin.

In terms of median age, the Gladwin County average of 42.3 exceeds the 2000 state figure of 35.5. In the townships and cities, however, the median age ranges from about 31.4 to 54 years. The youngest median ages are found in the townships of Gladwin, Bentley and Beaverton.

The average commuting time for city residents is about 15 minutes as compared to 25 minutes for the average commuter time for all U.S. residents. Some residents travel to local cities such as West Branch, Standish, Prudenville, Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Clare, Harrison and as far away as Bay City, Mt Pleasant and Midland for work and shopping.

Population Change
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 - 2010

Governmental Unit	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
City of Gladwin	3,001	2,933	-68	-2.3%
Gladwin County	26,023	25,692	-331	-1.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Age Distribution
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 and 2010

City of Gladwin

Age	2000	2010	Percent of Total
0 - 24 yrs.	987	1,034	34.3%
25 - 44 yrs.	778	691	22.9%
45 - 64 yrs.	578	639	21.2%
65 and over	658	653	21.6%

Gladwin County

Age	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
0 - 24 years	7,737	6,921	-816	-10.5%
25 - 44 years	6,287	5,025	-1,262	-20.1%
45 - 65 years	7,231	7,893	662	9.2%
65 and over	4,768	5,853	1,085	22.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Native vs. Foreign Born Citizens
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 - 2010

City of Gladwin

Nativity	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Native Born	2,937	2,936	-1	0.0%
Foreign Born	55	31	-24	-43.6%

Gladwin County

Nativity	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Native Born	25,693	25,679	-14	-0.1%
Foreign Born	330	397	67	20.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Male / Female Ratio
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 - 2010

City of Gladwin

Sex	2000	2010	Change (2000-2010)	Percent Change
Male	1,354	1,316	-38	-2.8%
Female	1,647	1,617	-30	-1.8%

Gladwin County

Sex	2000	2010	Change (2000-2010)	Percent Change
Male	12,916	12,839	-77	-0.6%
Female	13,107	12,853	-254	-1.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Persons Per Household
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 - 2010

Governmental Unit	2000	2010	Change (Persons)
City of Gladwin	2.28	2.36	0.08
Gladwin County	2.43	2.19	-0.24

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Occupancy Characteristics
 City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
 2000 - 2010

City of Gladwin

Category	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Occupied	1,234	1,261	27	2.2%
Vacant	95	160	65	68.4%
Seasonal	18	17	-1	-5.6%

Gladwin County

Category	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change
Occupied	10,561	10,753	192	1.8%
Vacant	6,267	6,919	652	10.4%
Seasonal	5,588	5,759	171	3.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census

Population Projections
City of Gladwin and Gladwin County
1990 - 2030

Governmental Unit	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	Growth Rate
City of Gladwin	2,682	3,001	3,245	3,634	4,070	1.12
Gladwin County	21,896	26,023	29,967	34,660	39,097	1.19

Source: ecmpdr.org/pdf/projections2030.pdf

Race Characteristics
City of Gladwin
2010 – 2000

Category	2000	2010	Change from 2000 to 2010	Percent Change
White	2,645	2,892	247	9.3%
Black or African American	4	4	0	0.0%
Other	33	37	4	12.1%

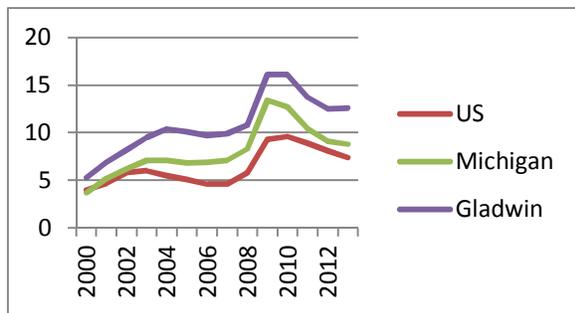
Race Characteristics
Gladwin County
2000 - 2010

Category	2000	2010	Change from 2000 to 2010	Percent Change
White	23,791	25,111	1,320	5.5%
Black or African American	91	60	-31	-34.1%
Other	567	521	-46	-8.1%

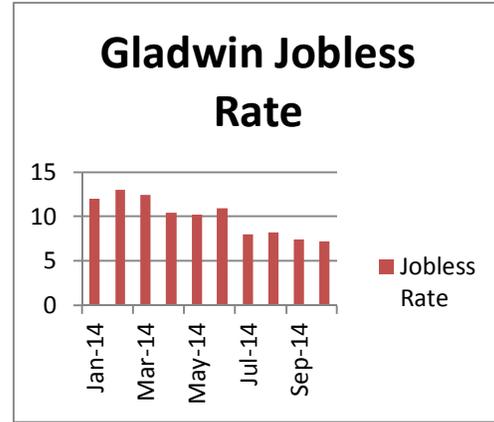
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Socioeconomic Characteristics

The main economic sectors of the county are Retail Trade (19.5%), Government (19.2%), Health Care and Social Assistance (12.0%), Manufacturing (10.9%), and Accommodations and Food Service (10.5%). Most workers are employed in sales and office occupations (25%) or management, business, science or arts occupations (24%). Agriculture, both cash crops and pasture, account for approximately 73 percent of the county's area while 85,415 acres are held as public lands. About 6.6% of workers are self-employed. Eighty (82%) percent of workers drive alone when traveling to and from their workplace and the mean commute time is 27.4 minutes. Median household income, as reported in 2011, was \$38,160 (per capita dollars \$20,677). The 2011 American Community Survey indicated 15.2 percent of families were below the poverty level. According to the State of Michigan Office of Labor Market Information, the unemployment rate for the city in 2012 was 12.5 percent.



Jobless Rate



Sixty-four percent of housing units in the county are occupied with less than fifteen percent of those rented. The majority of housing units (80.5%) are one-unit detached structures. About half of the homes within the county were built before 1970. Nearly thirty-three percent of the total housing units in the county are seasonal or vacation homes.

Of the population 25 years old and over, forty-one percent have acquired a high school diploma or the equivalent and 7.1 percent have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher.

Today, Gladwin County's economy includes plastic thermoforming, RV manufacturing, wood products, construction, automotive parts manufacturing and agriculture. Tourism plays a special role in Gladwin County's waterways, with several dams on the Tittabawassee, Sugar, Tobacco and Cedar rivers creating opportunities for boating, fishing, canoeing and sightseeing.

The Tittabawassee State Forest to the east, almost a fourth of the entire county, offers plenty of opportunity for hiking, hunting and snowmobiling.

Gladwin County Economic Statistics

Income:

Median household income - \$37,921 (2009-2011) US Census Bureau

Per capita income- \$19,529 (2009-2011) US Census Bureau

Retail Sales:

Total retail sales – (\$1,000) = \$62,792 (2010) US Census Bureau

Number of Establishments - 1,591

Employment:

Total labor force – 10,106

Employed – 8,584

Unemployed – 1,522

Percent unemployed – 7.2% in 2012

Employment by Industry:

Services	22.4%
Retail/Wholesale	14.6%
Government	23.6%
Manufacturing	19.0%
Construction	9.4%
Agriculture	3.0%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	4.0%
Transportation	4.0%

Property Taxes & Equalized Value:

State Equalized Value \$1,082,568,834

Personal Property \$35,593,738

Property Tax Base:

Agriculture 6.9%

Commercial 4.4%

Industrial 0.008%

Residential 87.8%

Other 0.892%



Recreation Inventory

The Gladwin City Park (North City Park and South City Park) is located along the Cedar River with a riverside path between the North and South Parks under the main street Cedar Avenue Bridge. Recreational facilities in the South Park area include camping and picnic grounds supplemented by tennis and basketball courts, a playground with swings, monkey bars, slides, a giant sandbox and riding toys, pavilions, and a sandy beach for swimmers. The wooded campground has camping with electric at all sites and water at most. Each site has a fire ring, and a sanitation station services the park. Modern toilets and hot showers are also available. The park is within easy walking distance of downtown Gladwin, where a variety of shopping and fine restaurants can be found.

The North Park area, opened in 1994, provides horseshoes, soccer, volleyball, basketball and a series of hiking trails. A skateboard park opened in 2008. Canoeing and tubing trips on the Cedar River can be arranged through nearby canoe liveries with trips from 8 miles to 26 miles.

Near the entrance of the South Park is the Community Center with its adjacent outdoor amphitheater having a capacity of 500 persons. These facilities are used for scheduled events including the annual Gladwin Friends of the Theatre winter dinner theater, summer musical theatre, and the Council for the Arts summer arts festival, the Annual Christmas Walk with Luminaries, Taste of Gladwin, as well as various civic, fraternal and school activities. In 2014 many renovations were completed at the Community Center. Renovations included new carpeting, painting, tile floors, ceiling tiles, kitchen cabinets and new stove.

The Gladwin Community Arena is another popular spot in the City of Gladwin. It features hockey, open skating, a weight and

fitness center, rock climbing wall, Red Wing Alumni Games, the Gladwin Business and Professional Association Expo, In 2008 the Gladwin County Library moved into a portion of the arena. Programs scheduled during 2014-2015 included tennis, youth basketball, new programs yearly and men's hockey teams

The Gladwin Sports Complex provides a convenient and safe environment for numerous recreational activities. Baseball and softball diamonds, soccer fields and football fields are available for the community and a concession stand and toilet facilities are also available.

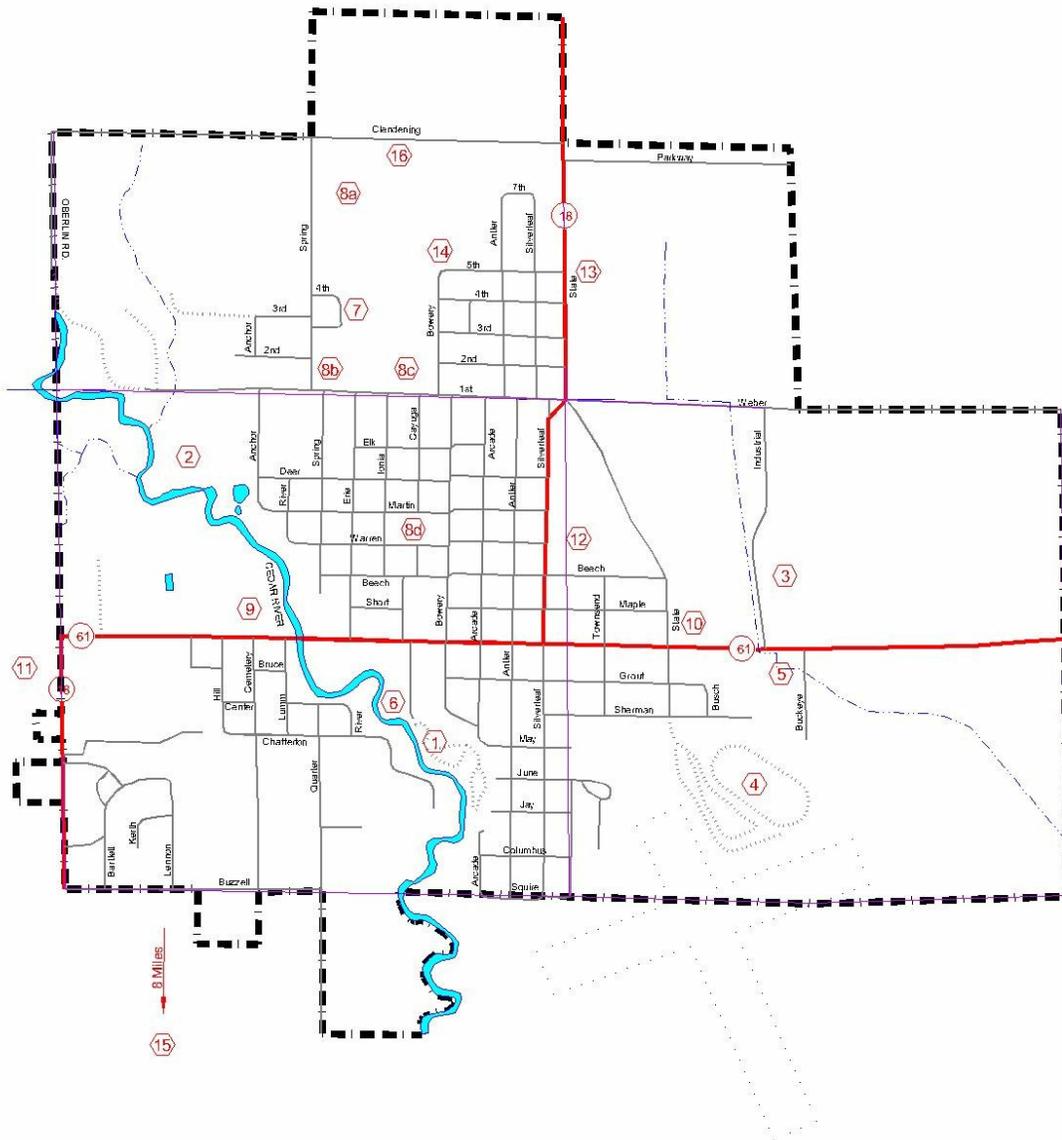
The Sacred Heart Church Activity Center offers indoor basketball, two racquetball courts, volleyball, a children's playground, kitchen and food serving facilities and a large play field and is available to rent for gatherings.

Our Savior Lutheran Church has a large gymnasium, kitchen/ food service and a large meeting room for city and county functions. The church provides yearly sauerkraut/sausage suppers for the public.

Gladwin County Recreation Area, located along North Shaw Road, is a 160-acre parcel located approximately five miles northwest of the City of Gladwin. It features approximately 2.3 miles of pathways for hiking, rollerblading, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and bicycling, picnic areas, and an observation deck.

Calhoun Park Campground just west of the City of Beaverton offers fifty-four campsites, modern toilets and hot showers, picnic area, a volleyball court, playground, hiking trails, canoeing and tubing.

A complete inventory of local & regional recreational facilities follows.



RECREATION FACILITIES MAP

City of Gladwin Recreational Facilities Map.

The following inventory tables display the existing recreational facilities in the city and the county. The tables include a description of each facility and a notation of the ownership. All of the facilities within the city are in good to excellent condition and all are handicapped accessible.

City of Gladwin Recreation Facilities Inventory

Map ID#	Facility Name	Description	Owner
1	Gladwin South City Park	 <p>61 campsites with water, electricity, fire rings, showers and bathrooms, sanitation station, picnic area, beach, children’s play field, foot trails, tennis and horseshoe courts, canoe launch, canoeing and tubing areas, two rustic cabins and two pavilions. Open May 1 - Nov. 30. All areas handicapped accessible. * Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	City of Gladwin
2	Gladwin North City Park	 <p>Horseshoe pits, shuffleboard, basketball courts, skateboarding, softball diamond, sandbox, tot lot, canoe and tubing launch sites soccer field, & a community building available for rent with kitchen and bathroom facilities, newly remodeled to provide handicapped accessibility. * Accessibility ranking of 2</p>	City of Gladwin
3	Gladwin Community Arena	 <p>43,000 sq. ft. arena built in 1999, located behind commercial area on M-61, east of City center. 17,000 sq. ft. NHL ice rink. Hockey and figure skating lessons and programs. Multi-purpose 6,000 sq. ft. gymnasium. 5,000 sq. ft. exercise area and cardiovascular center, basketball court, indoor batting cage, and rock climbing wall. * Accessibility ranking of 2</p>	Gladwin Community

4	Gladwin County Fairgrounds		<p>Occupies 15 acres in the SE corner of the City of Gladwin. Includes racetrack, grandstand, three merchant buildings at the north end of the property and animal barns to the south. Also includes a pavilion and picnic area in a small grove of trees. Use has increased with the complex now used as a site of many events throughout the seasons. Buildings are also used for storage on a fee-basis in the winter.</p> <p>* Accessibility ranking of 2.</p>	Gladwin County Fair Association
5	Gladwin County Sports Complex		<p>The Gladwin Little League is now part of the Gladwin County Sports Complex. This is a 55-acre project that was recently completed and opened May 2004. There are 14 ball fields – 8 baseball, 2 girls softball and 4 adult softball. Also included in the complex are 9 soccer fields and 2 ½ Pee Wee football fields (5th to 8th graders). There is a 24'x80' concession stand/storage building that includes storage for each of the above programs.</p> <p>* Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	Gladwin County and Little League
6	Gladwin Community Amphitheater and Community Center Building		<p>500 seat capacity outdoor theater. Annual Council of the Arts musical and arts festival, 2nd weekend in July. Winter dinner theater. Many other programs. Available for civic, fraternal, school activities and church services by local churches.</p> <p>* Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	City of Gladwin
7	City of Gladwin Tennis Courts		<p>Four hard surfaced enclosed Tennis Courts</p> <p>* Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	City of Gladwin

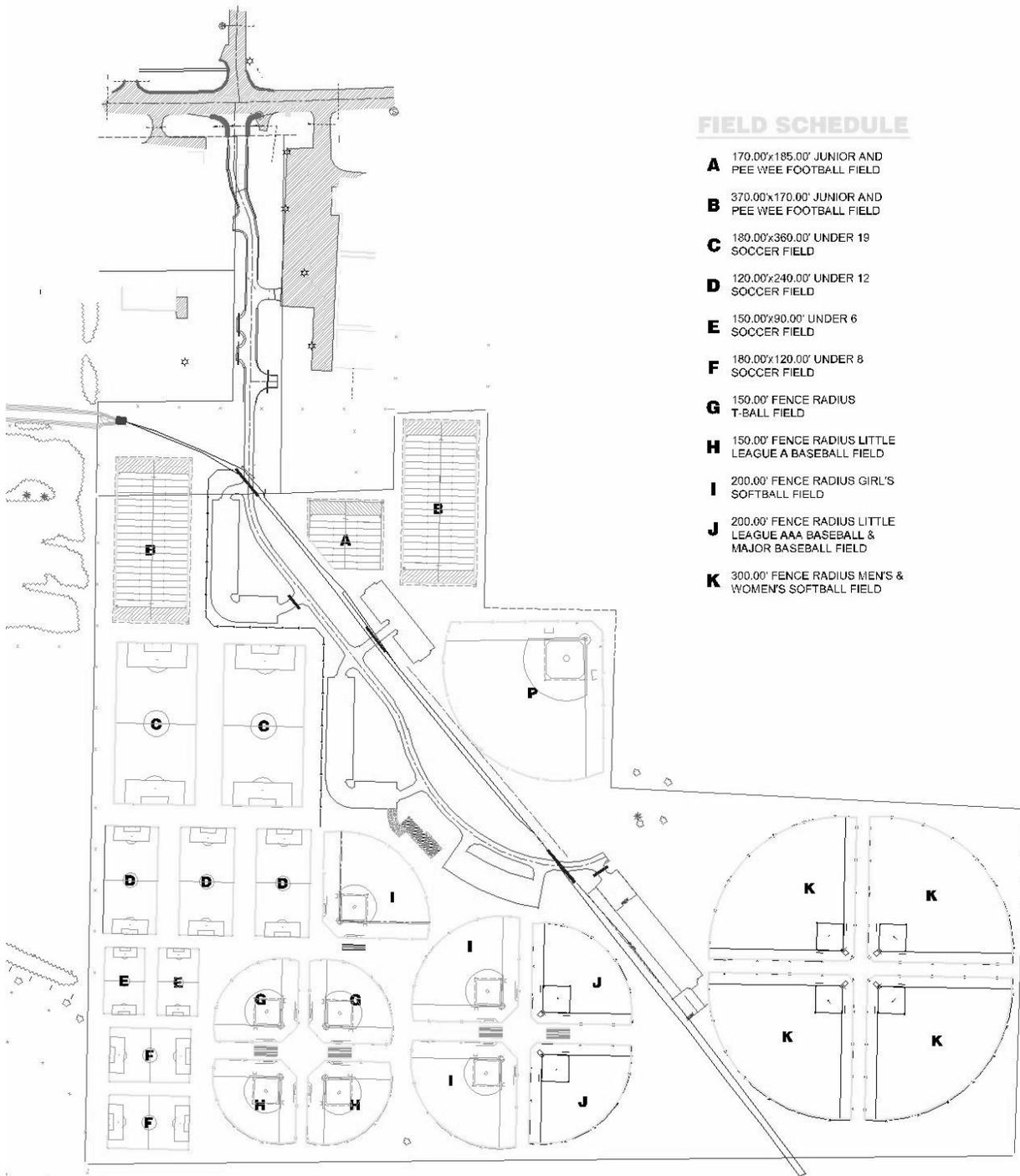
<p>8a 8b 8c 8d</p>	<p>Gladwin Community Schools High School, Inter- mediate School, Elementary School, Junior High School</p>	 <p>Well-developed public school complex, which includes an Elementary School, Intermediate, and High School on a large site. Outdoor recreation facilities include fields for baseball/softball, track, football, and soccer along with stadium seating, playgrounds and play structures at the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Indoor facilities include gyms and multi-purpose cafeteria. All facilities are handicapped accessible. The Junior High has six outdoor basketball backboards on hard surface play area, open play field and gymnasium. * Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	<p>Well-developed public school complex, which includes an Elementary School, Intermediate, and High School on a large site. Outdoor recreation facilities include fields for baseball/softball, track, football, and soccer along with stadium seating, playgrounds and play structures at the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Indoor facilities include gyms and multi-purpose cafeteria. All facilities are handicapped accessible. The Junior High has six outdoor basketball backboards on hard surface play area, open play field and gymnasium. * Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	<p>Gladwin School District</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>City Hall</p>	 <p>North of Cedar Avenue along the Cedar River. Hiking/cross-country ski trail forms link with North and South Parks. Hard surfaced for handicapped accessibility and designated Handicapped parking. * Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	<p>North of Cedar Avenue along the Cedar River. Hiking/cross-country ski trail forms link with North and South Parks. Hard surfaced for handicapped accessibility and designated Handicapped parking. * Accessibility ranking of 3.</p>	<p>City of Gladwin</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Historic Settlement</p>	 <p>Six building “Historical Settlement” at Cedar and State Streets. Craft demonstrations given for public. * Accessibility ranking of 2.</p>	<p>Six building “Historical Settlement” at Cedar and State Streets. Craft demonstrations given for public. * Accessibility ranking of 2.</p>	<p>Gladwin County Historical Society</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Gladwin Golf Course</p>	<p>18-hole golf course located immediately west of the City of Gladwin. Available for public use and is handicapped accessible. * Accessibility ranking of 2.</p>	<p>18-hole golf course located immediately west of the City of Gladwin. Available for public use and is handicapped accessible. * Accessibility ranking of 2.</p>	<p>Privately Owned</p>

12	Our Savior Lutheran Church		Church facility offering indoor basketball, two (2) racquetball courts, volleyball, children's playground, kitchen and food serving facilities, large play field, and annual sausage/sauerkraut supper for the public. * Accessibility ranking of 3	Semi-public
13	Free Methodist Church		Gymnasium and baseball field. * Accessibility ranking of 3.	Semi-public
14	Bowling Alley	Meadow Lanes located on Fifth Street in the City of Gladwin. * Accessibility ranking of 2.	Privately Owned	
15	Bowling Alley	Beaverton Bowl and Lounge Bowling Alley. * Accessibility ranking of 2.	Privately Owned	
16	Gladwin Senior Centers	Antler Arms, located at 215 S. Antler and Maple Manor at 130 W. Maple provide on site meal service as well as "Meals on Wheels" for homebound seniors. Activities offered at both facilities include Bingo, craft classes, square dancing and sing-alongs. * Accessibility ranking of 3.	City of Gladwin	
17	Our Savior Lutheran Church		Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 361 Clendening Road, offers their Gymnasium for non-profit organization use. * Accessibility ranking of 3.	Semi-public

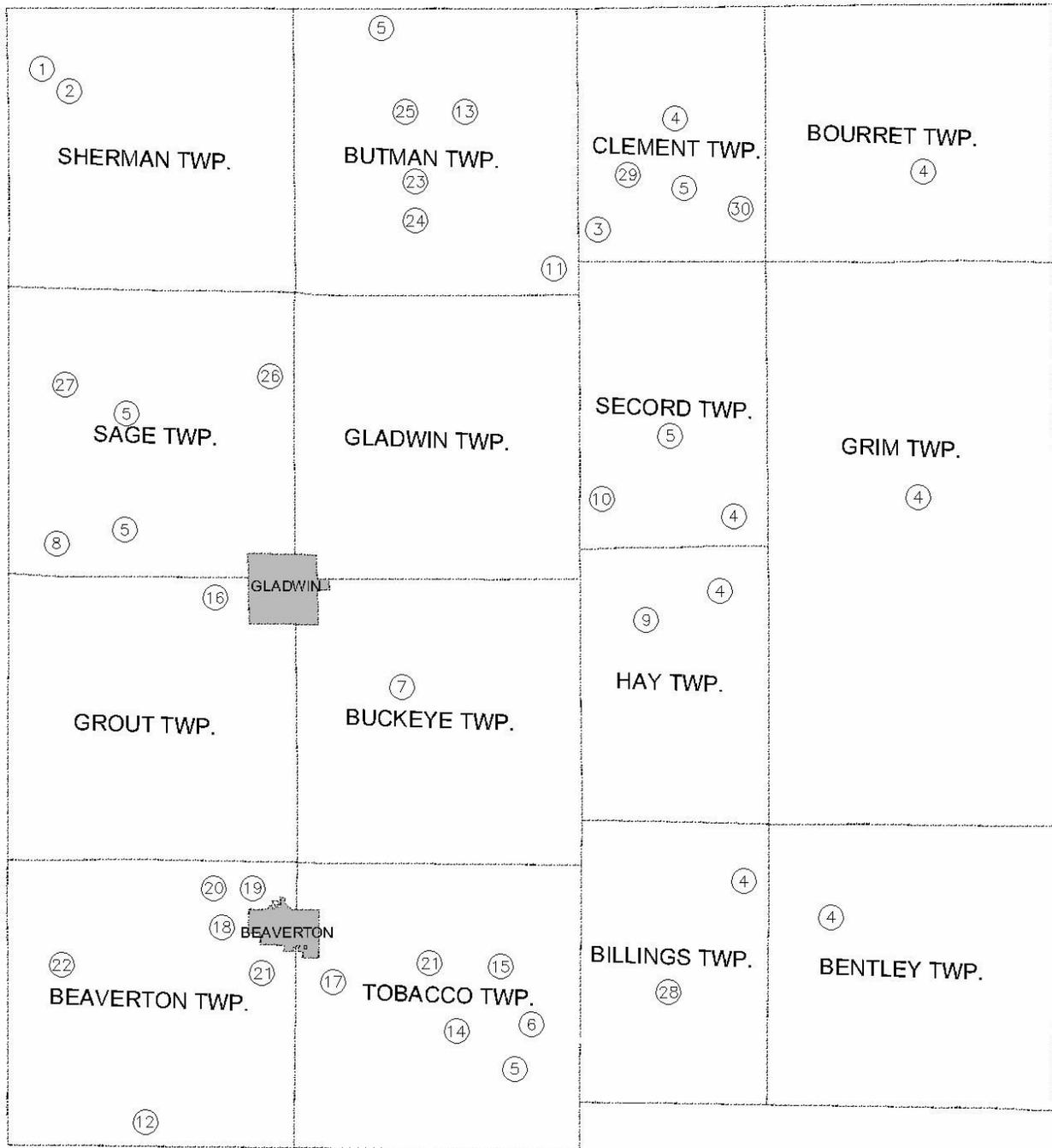
***Accessibility Assessment**

All items listed in the recreational facilities inventory for the City of Gladwin have been graded for accessibility based on the following ranking:

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using principles of universal design.



Map of Gladwin County Sports Complex.



Gladwin County Recreational Facilities Map

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INVENTORY

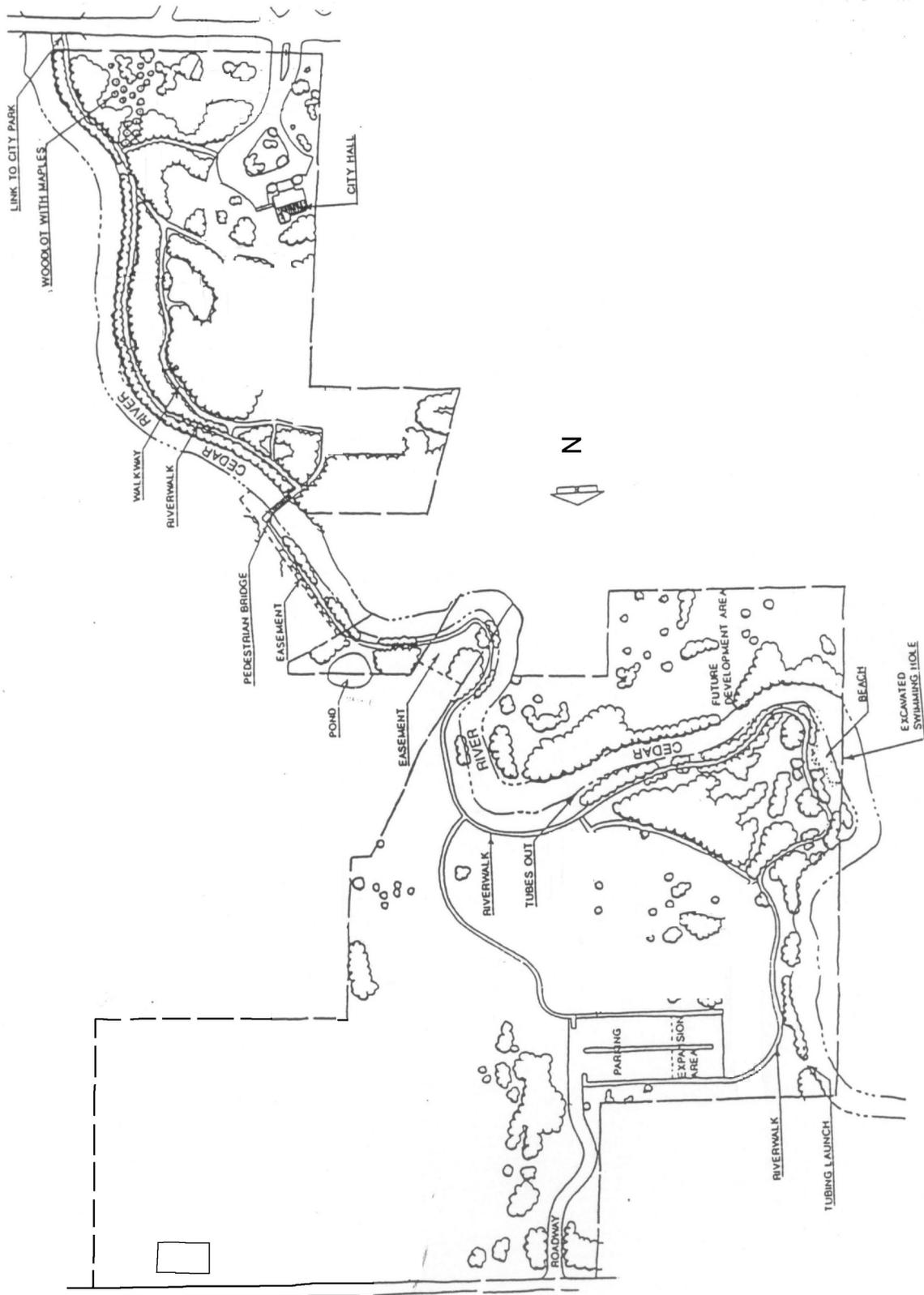
Map ID#	Name & General Location	Description	Owner
1	House Lake Campground Sherman Township	State owned and operated campground. Located 2.5 miles NE of Meredith on an inland lake in the NW corner of the county within the AuSable State Forest. Swimming, beach, fishing, no facilities for boating/canoeing, although boating is allowed. Open all year. Cost \$6 (\$3 for seniors). No reservations. Campground offers 41 sites, swimming with sandy beach and bottom and warm-water fishing. House Lake offers a 2.7-mile pathway.	State of Michigan
2	Trout Lake Campground Sherman Township	State owned and operated campground located 3 miles NE of Meredith via Meredith Grade on an inland lake in the NW corner of the county within the Ogemaw State Forest. The campground offers 35 sites for boating. Swimmers will find a rocky bottom and no beach. Good cold-water fishing (trout), a pathway and a Code 2 gravel boat ramp.	State of Michigan
3	State Roadside Park Clement Township	Facility is located at the intersection of M-30 and the west branch of the Tittabawassee River. Has picnic tables, scenic outlooks, a parking lot and is used by tourists. Picnickers and fisherman who utilize the river.	State of Michigan
4	Tittabawassee State Forest; Parts of several townships: Billings, Bentley, Bourrett, Clement, Grim, Hay and Secord	The Tittabawassee State Forest covers nearly half of Gladwin County; primarily the eastern half. There is another small portion of the state forest located in the NW portion of the county. This state forest is managed fairly intensively for wildlife, forest products, and dispersed recreational activities, such as ORV trail riding and camping. Open all year.	State of Michigan

5	Public Fishing Sites/ Boat Launch Butman, Sage, Tobacco, Secord and Clement Townships	Four (4) sites in Gladwin County operated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They area located at: Pratt Lake, Wiggins Lake, Lake Four and Wixom Lake, Secord, North Tittabawassee River	State of Michigan
6	J&J's Marina & Landing	Marina, soccer, baseball fields. Open all year.	Privately Owned
7	Gladwin School Nature Area Buckeye Township	200-acre parcel located approximately five (5) miles SE of the City of Gladwin. Maintained by Gladwin School District.	Gladwin School District
8	Gladwin County Recreation Area: Sage Township (Leased to Seebeck Family Foundation)	Area consists of 160 acres of gently rolling land, ¼ mile wide by 1 mile in length with the Cedar River crossing the western end. Has a 40'x80' log-type lodge with a 24'x24' wing for kitchen and bath facilities. Archery range, handicapped accessible, paved hiking trail and other walking trails.	Gladwin County
9	Andy Kulich Park Hay Township	Picnic area. No camping. Pavilion, primitive toilets, playground equipment, cement basketball court, baseball/softball diamond. Open all hours, year-round. Operated and maintained by Tittabawassee Lions Club.	State of Michigan
10	Gilman Springs Baptist Camp Secord Township	Non-denominational private youth camp, open to church groups with restrictions (non-church groups can rent but have to adhere to park restrictions). Two (2) rivers, 312 acres, dining for 150, dorms for 100, winterized. Weekend retreat for all age groups. Open year-round. Family camping for one (1) week. Youth camping from mid-June to mid-August. Programs include: archery, rifle, canoeing, arts and crafts, miniature golf, horseshoes, volleyball, water slides, tether ball, and sledding.	Privately Owned Baptist Church Camp

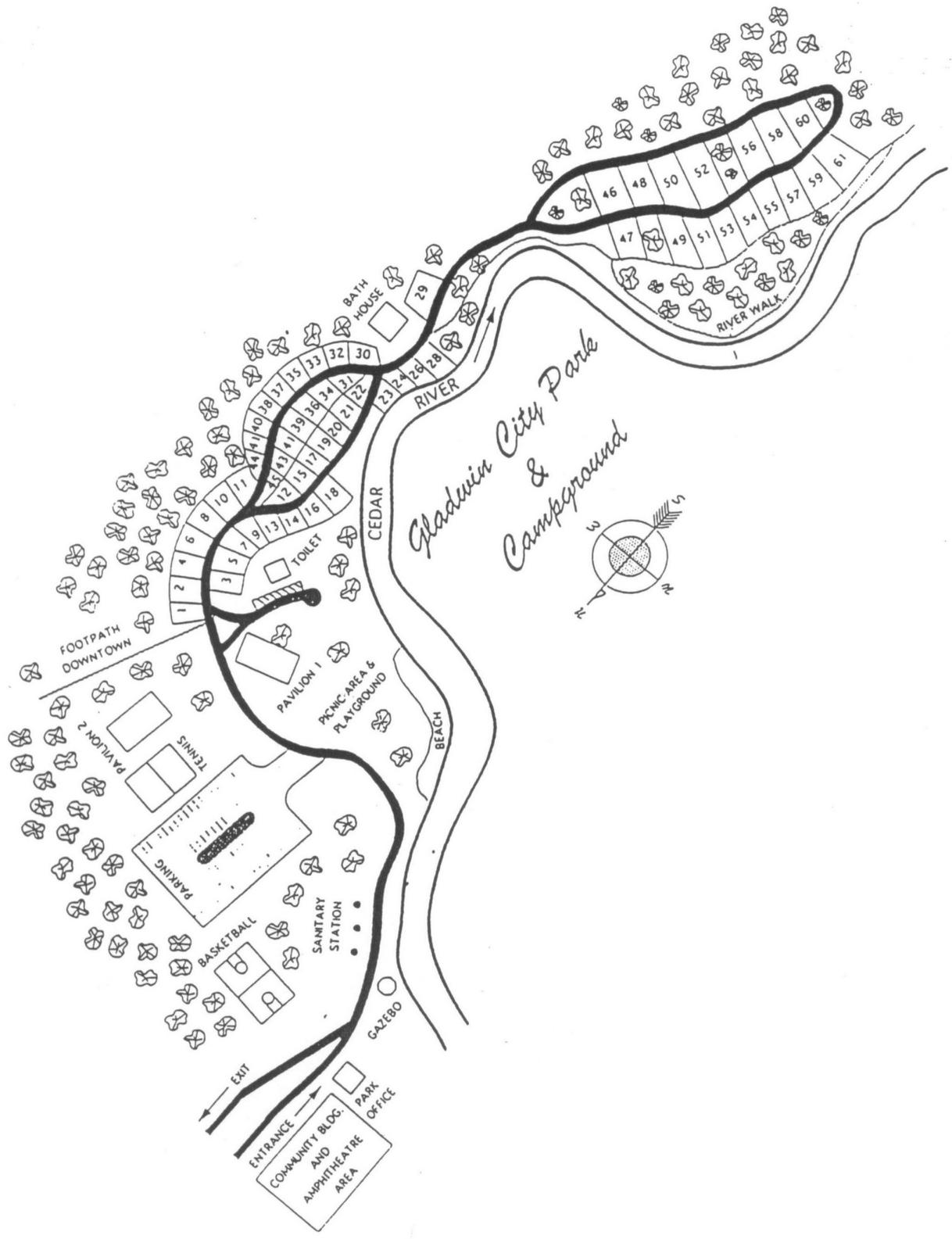
11	Good News Camp (Gladwin) Butman Township	Privately owned 174-acre summer youth camp and year-round retreat center. Overnight accommodations for 145 in dorms and cabins, 16 campsites and dining facilities for 120. Camping area with trailer hookups. Canoeing, horseback riding, hayrides, swimming, archery range. Religious affiliation.	Privately Owned.
12	Lost Haven Campgrounds Beaverton Township	Privately owned. Picnic facilities, swimming, boating. 100 sites, modern facilities, pavilion. Horseshoe pitching, volley ball, hayrides, game room. On-site store.	Privately Owned
13	Lakeside Golf Course (Hockaday Road) Butman Township	Private but open to public.	Privately Owned
14	Tobacco Road Trailer Camp	Electricity, bath and shower, sanitation station, central water, playground, fishing, beach. Open May 1 – November 15.	Privately Owned
15	Curry's Landing Tobacco Township	Primitive camping, boat rentals, trailer park, electrical hookup. Live bait and tackle, dockage, storage. Open April 15 – October 15.	Privately Owned
16	Gladwin Golf Course Grout Township	18-hole golf course located immediately west of the City of Gladwin. Although privately owned, it is available for public use.	Privately Owned
17	Beaverton Rural Schools City of Beaverton	High school and elementary site encompasses approximately 20 acres and is located within the city limits of Beaverton. Fulfills a recreational need for elementary children who use the playground equipment and young adults using the tennis courts and baseball fields. School buildings are also available for appropriate types of public meetings.	City of Beaverton
18	Leo Ross Park City of Beaverton	Small park located in a residential area east of M-18 and south of the Tobacco River. Only an acre or so but has some playground equipment and a picnic pavilion.	City of Beaverton
19	Beaverton Churches (5) City of Beaverton	No grounds devoted to recreational activity, however, some social functions are offered.	Owned by individual congregations

20	Ross Lake Park City of Beaverton	Approximately 6-acre park located on the north shore of Ross Lake within the City of Beaverton. Contains a boat launch, swimming area, and picnic facilities. A major park for city residents and also serves many residents of the southern portion of the county. Needs drainage work to stop erosion of beach and boat launch area, better restroom facilities and improvement of the beach area. Westerly portion of the park is undeveloped. Facility is presently used to capacity and should be expanded.	
21	Beaverton School Nature Areas #1 and #2 Beaverton/Tobacco Townships	Nature areas controlled by the Beaverton School District. Some pine trees have been planted and conservation clubs use the site for hiking, snowmobiling, and animal study. Used by school science classes.	Beaverton School District
22	Calhoun Campground Beaverton Township	Located on Ross Lake outside the city limits south of town on Roehrs Road. Electricity, showers, and bath, water close by, sanitation station, boat and fishing dock, playground, softball diamonds, pavilion. Open May 1 – November 30.	City of Beaverton
23	Lake Lancer Access Butman Township	Boat launch/public access to Lake Lancer (830 acres). Operated/maintained by Butman Township.	State of Michigan
24	Gladwin Area Walleye Association Rearing Pond Butman Township	Five (5) acre fish rearing pond to support state game fish planting efforts for walleye and other species. Sponsored by Gladwin Area Walleye Association (GAWA).	GAWA
25	Sugar Springs Butman Township	Privately owned waterfront development featuring 18-hole championship golf course, Olympic sized pool (used by residents from surrounding townships), modern campground, and horseback riding stables/trails.	Privately Owned

26	Midland to Mackinaw Trail Midland, MI	A 210 mile long hiking trail running from Northern Midland County to downtown Mackinaw City, mostly primitive in the southern half while the northern half is more modern. The trail goes through remote and wild areas of Northeast Lower Michigan allowing users to view deer, bear and small game while crossing nearly a hundred streams and rivers. There are several “horse trail” camps with water and over 90% of the trail is on public land where camping is free with a DNR permit.	State of Michigan
27	Sage Township Park Sage Township	Small (5-acre) local park with water access, soccer, etc. Minimal facilities. New township hall is available for rental. Adjoins the park.	Sage Township
28	Allbright Shores Ice Carnival Facilities Billings Township	Winter and warm weather facilities, motorcycle and snowmobile racetracks, camping area, restrooms, large building.	Ice Carnival Association
29	Ralph Bears Memorial Park Clement Township	Softball, soccer fields, and sand volley ball court.	Clement Township
30	Lost Arrow Resort on the Water Gladwin County	A four-season family resort offering log cabins, suites, and motel guest rooms; banquet facilities; dining rooms, trophy deer hunting, and upland game bird hunting on the Midwest’s largest high-fenced range; river cruises; boat docks, indoor pool, exercise room, gift shop, water’s edge boardwalk, sporting clays and hayrides.	Privately Owned



Map of North City Park.



Map of South City Park.

INVENTORY OF MAJOR EVENTS

There are a variety of events in Gladwin County with shared participation by government and the private sector. The following list indicates the events and the month in which the event is held.

JANUARY

Bells on Bobtails

FEBRUARY

GBPA Annual Breakfast Meeting- 1st Wed.

MARCH

GAFT Dinner Theater

Farmer Appreciation Day

Easter Egg Hunt-Gladwin City Park

APRIL

Customer Appreciation Day, Comm.Arena

Lincoln Day Dinner, Riverwalk

Easter Egg Hunt-Gladwin City Park

MMC Gladwin Health Fair

Frozen Affair at Community Arena

MAY

Chamber Annual Golf Outing

Family Free Fishing Day – 3rd Saturday

Softball Tournaments - Memorial Day Weekend
(Sat.-Mon.)

Country Music Festival – Memorial Day Weekend

Little League Parade

Memorial Day Parade – Memorial Day

Championship Rodeo – Memorial Day Sat.-Sun.

Community Wide Garage Sale

City Wide Cleanup Day 3rd Saturday

H.I.P. 5k Run-Walk

Thunder on the Strip

JUNE

Sacred Heart Rummage Sale-3rd weekend

5K Run-Walk, Community Arena

Log Cabin Day, Gladwin Historical Museum

JULY

JulyFest – 1st 10 days

Fireworks – Ross Lake – weekend of 4th of July

Annual Craft Show – Sugar Springs -2nd

Rotary Golf Day – 2nd Thursday

Summer Theater – 2nd weekend (Th.-Sat.)

Art Fair – 2nd weekend (Sat.-Sun.)

Classic Car/Motorcycle Show – 2nd Saturday

Gladwin Airport Fly-in Show – 2nd Saturday

Sidewalk Sales – Gladwin – 2nd weekend (Fri.-Sat.)

Gladwin County Fair – 3rd week

Tuesdays in the Park

Softball Tournament, Sports Complex

AUGUST

Tuesdays in the Park

Relay for Life-2nd weekend

Carriage Festival 2nd weekend

Butterflies in the Park

Hazardous Waste Drop off

SEPTEMBER

MMCC Fall Festival-Harrison Campus

GAWA Annual Dinner- K of C Hall

Eagles #3292 Pig Roast – Labor Day Weekend

Open House-Gladwin Arena

Thunder on the Strip

Chicken Dinner, K of C

OCTOBER

Founder's Day-Historical Museum

GAFT Fall Drama

Fall Art Exhibit-Community Center

Pumpkin Painting-Community Center

Batty About Crafts-Gladwin High-3rd weekend

Jeep Creep

NOVEMBER

St. Anne Bazaar – 1st Saturday

Episcopal Church Bazaar – 1st Saturday

Hunter's Dinner – Grass Lake Holiday Open House –

Opening Day

Lutheran Church Sausage & Kraut Dinner – 14th

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar – weekend before

Thanksgiving

Decorating Ross Park – last Sunday

DECEMBER

Festival of Lights Parade – 1st Saturday

Recreation Facilities Policy

Barrier Free Compliance

As indicated in the *Recreation Inventory* section, the amount and variety of recreation programs available in the City of Gladwin and the surrounding area is tremendous. With the installation of the projects proposed in this plan, programs could be established to complement existing ones and make more programs more available to everyone.

Continuation of the “necklace” pathway from the South City Park connecting with the Gladwin County Sport Complex and Community Arena then to North City Park (City Hall Parking Lot) and back to South City Park is most notable and will make getting to the various fields and activity areas much easier than at present. The north-south path follows a beautiful course along the Cedar River and connects the two largest city park nature areas. The continued development of the peripheral path would enable groups not only to visit the associated natural areas, expanding these wild areas for various educational and recreational programs involving native habitat, but would also to bring visitors through the city and enabling businesses to be patronized.

Seniors and handicappers could take advantage of this hard-surfaced trail for exercise, fresh air, and diversion. In the winter, these pathways would afford cross-country skiing (and possible snowshoeing) and exploring of the snow-covered natural areas. This new expanded path system would encourage extending the programs into other seasons. The improvements at the North Park Pavilion also allow for accessible activities, such as open houses, graduation parties, family reunions, etcetera.

The City of Gladwin’s policy of rectifying any barriers to accessibility, and not to create any to start with, has proved successful. As indicated in previous sections, no barriers to accessibility were found except in older sites where this plan addresses their reconstruction and/or renovation.

Many of the recreation programs offered by the city are either free of charge or at very minimal rates. Most programs with charges have a family fee cap allowing and encouraging participation by larger, poor families in these programs. The city regularly publishes a newsletter announcing recreational events and programs. The local paper also provides notices for programs. The city’s website, as it expands, will include up-to-date information on the parks and recreation programs and activities.



NEEDS, GOALS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Analysis of Needs, Goals, and Opportunities

The Parks Commission has reviewed the community data and the recreation accomplishments of the city over the past five years. The goals it has set for its future recreational programs and facilities in Gladwin are based on these analyses and an assessment of the community's needs and opportunities available.

The goals of this recreation plan once again are:

- To involve as many of the citizens, groups and organizations of the City of Gladwin as possible in its Recreation Programs.
- To provide access for all its citizens, people from the region, and tourists to each of its major parks and recreation facilities
- To furnish sufficient recreation facilities to serve the increasing population in the City and region and the growing number of tourists visiting the City for recreational purposes.
- To coordinate and cooperate with the County, the Gladwin Community School District, and regional recreation providers to furnish ample facilities for our citizens and visitors.
- To expand year-round recreational opportunities.

The total population of the city has been aging significantly over the last decade where almost 43 percent of the population is now over 45 years of age and those under 24 are only a third of the population. These numbers are even more extreme in the county with only about 27 percent of the population 24 years and younger and 54 % of the population over 45 years of age. In the city 22% are 65 years or older and in the

county 23 percent are 65 years or older. This trend seems to be continuing.

The improvements proposed in this plan recognize these trends and are intended to provide greater opportunities for older residents to healthful activities and exercise while still providing for younger residents and visitors to the city.

The Commission reviewed its current inventory of programs and facilities against the National Recreation and Parks Association standards, "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines" (1983) and found the community to meet or exceed most of these measures. The notable exceptions are a swimming pool and the number of tennis courts serving the city and county residents and tourists to the area.

Additionally recommended in the National Recreation and Park Association's guidelines is a linear park (space that may be local or regional and is unique to each community). The proposed pedestrian and bicycle trail being worked on by the Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority which will eventually join the City of Gladwin and the City of Beaverton and ultimately travel to the City of Coleman in Midland County will meet this recommendation.

2000-2014

Recreational Improvements

The reconstruction of the M-61 Bridge over the Cedar River allowed for the implementation of a pedestrian walkway beneath M-61 to connect the north and south parks. This pathway meanders along the banks of the Cedar River and provides a beautiful and safe passage for pedestrians and bicyclists. The new pathway has been incorporated into the walkway of the Riverwalk Place development.

The Little League Association and other sports groups with Gladwin County and the city joined forces in the creation of the Gladwin Sports Complex. The complex is 55-acres with 14 ball fields (8 baseball, 2 girls softball, and 4 adult softball) 9 soccer fields, and 2 ½ peewee football fields. Also, a 24'x80' concession stand and storage building is situated on the complex. This complex serves the city and county and has filled need for these types of active sports.

The City of Gladwin enabled the construction of the Gladwin Community Arena, which is home to a full-size ice hockey rink, a fully furnished fitness center, basketball courts, an exercise activity area. As part of the arrangement for the Gladwin Community Arena development, the Gladwin Area Hockey Association donated its outdoor hockey rink and building to the City of Gladwin. The arena has since been refurbished and updated these facilities to meet barrier free design code. Recently a climbing wall has been constructed at the Arena

Gladwin City Council voted to authorize its members to construct the “Gladwin Skate Park”. The Skate Park is located near the soccer field at the Gladwin North Park. The project is based on a similar skate park in Mt. Pleasant. The ramps and walls are made of metal and sit on a 100 x 100 cement slab. The area is fenced and locked after hours of operation, which is from dawn to dusk. There is currently lighted parking in place, and the site is patrolled by the Gladwin City Police Department. The city assumed liability for the park and construction cost more than \$90,000. In order to raise the money for the construction, the kids and their parents helped with fund raising bake sales, car washes, and anything else they could do to help with the funding.

In 2011 the City received funding through the United States Department of Agriculture to construct a new farmers market on vacant land north of the Historic Village. This farmers market has been a success since opening and has proven to be an asset to the community.



City of Gladwin Farmers Market

Recent improvements to the South Park Campsites have been completed which include hard surface paving to the upper sites, sidewalks to the bathrooms, upgrade electrical and water services to the campsites, installing day-use restrooms, and construction of barrier-free campsites. Additionally construction of a barrier-free viewing and fishing platform at the beach was completed as well as wilderness cabins in the upper camp ground.



Pavilion in South Park



Camper walking his dog in South Park.

In 2014 the city completed the City of Gladwin Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails Master Plan with a grant from the Central Michigan District Health Department. The plan included pathways within the city to connect most of the city's recreation venues. City parks board members also met with representatives from Buckeye Township, Grout Township, Tobacco Township, and the City of Beaverton in order to create a linear park / pedestrian and bicycle trail from Gladwin to Beaverton (and eventually to the Pere Marquette Rail Trail in the City of Coleman.)

2015-2020

Proposed Improvements

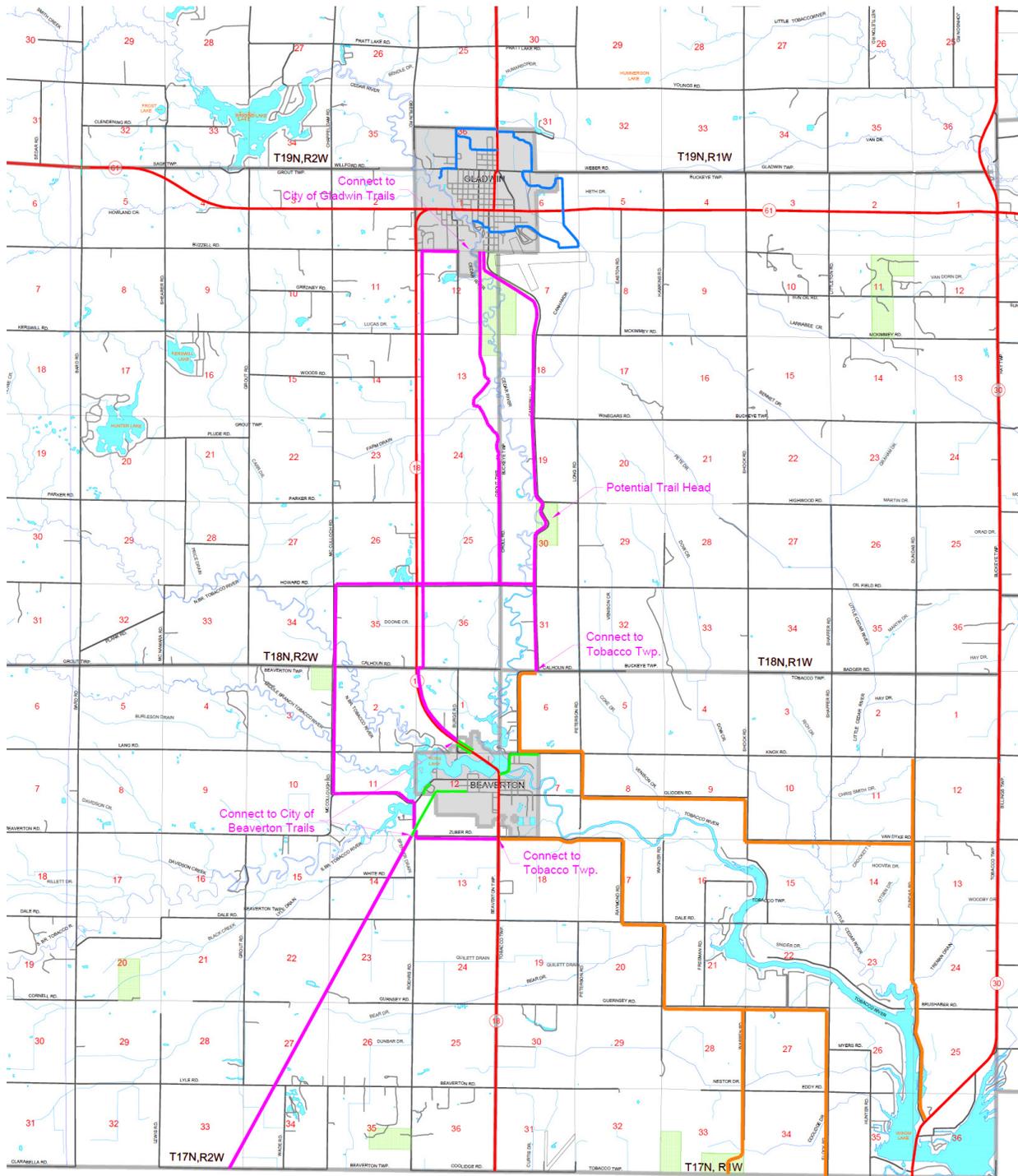
In analyzing the city geographically, the Commission saw an opportunity for improvement by incorporating the neighborhood parks with the peripheral pathway around the City of Gladwin. There are a few private playgrounds around the city but small public playgrounds are needed. The Commission worked with the local churches to incorporate their facilities into the peripheral walkway and to allow public use of their recreational facilities wherever possible.

Community recreation facilities may exceed the national standards but improvements and additions to the North and South parks are being made annually. Because of Gladwin's popularity as a summer vacation area the usage of its campgrounds and other facilities has increased greatly. South Park needs to add more sewer service to camping sites and continue to upgrade and improve the electrical services at the campsites.

The proposed pathway system should connect to the Arena and could provide cross-country skiing around the city during the winter months. The Gladwin Community Schools Athletic Director is enthusiastic about completing the peripheral pathway. Already cross-country and other distance runners use the pathway. Access would also increase for elders (and handicappers) who use the existing pathway extensively. Two exercise fitness stations are to be installed in South Park campground near the playground equipment in May of 2015.

With the Gladwin Community Arena, the city has become a regional center for hockey and other winter sporting activities. The Gladwin Library is now located in the arena as is a physical fitness center. Possible activities being contemplated for the arena include dances car shows, curling and other events. The arena can also be rented for receptions.

North Park has become underutilized and it was determined that some improvements at North Park could increase its use and popularity with the community. The Pavilion is in need of some repairs and retrofit work, the skating rink is underutilized and in need of some repairs or retrofit, and an improved trail to allow for connection of the facilities. Potential rustic camping at the park is also being evaluated.



- = Grout, Beaverton & Buckeye Township's Potential Trail Routes
- = Tobacco Township's Potential Trail Routes
- = City of Beaverton's Potential Trail Routes
- = City of Gladwin's Potential Trail Routes

Gladwin County Overall Trails Master Plan Map



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Improvement	Cost	Funding Sources
2015-2016	Prepare plans for improvements at North Park	\$3,000	Operating Funds & Donations
	Planning for Phase I of the Gladwin to Beaverton Trail	\$75,000	Donations, General Fund, & Foundation Grants
	Electrical improvements to campsites at South Park	\$2,000	General Fund, Operating Funds & Donations
	Furnishings for North & South Park	\$5,000	Operating Funds & Donations
Total for Year		\$85,000	
2016-2017	Construction of Phase I of the Gladwin to Beaverton Trail	\$465,000	Donations, General Fund, & Foundation Grants
	Furnishings for North & South Park	\$2,500	General Fund & Donations
	Campsite Improvements (Pave BF) at South Park	\$75,000	DNR grant, Donations, operating funds, & foundation grants
	Electrical improvements to campsites at South Park	\$2,500	General Fund, Operating Funds & Donations
Total for Year		\$545,000	
2017-2018	Improvements at North Park	\$50,000	DNR/ Foundation Grants/ Donations
	Planning for Peripheral Path-Phase I	\$10,000	General Fund & Donations
	Bath House Improvements at South Park	\$100,000	DNR grant, Donations, operating funds, & foundation grants
	Pave Access Road & Parking at Sports Complex	\$150,000	DNR/ Foundation Grants/ Donations
Total for Year		\$310,000	

Year	Improvement	Cost	Funding Sources
2018-2019	Peripheral Path-Phase I South Park to Sports Complex	\$300,000	MNRTF grant, Donations, operating funds, & foundation grants
	Furnishings for North & South Park	\$2,000	General Fund & Donations
	Rehabilitation to the southerly pedestrian bridge over the Cedar River by the hospital	\$13,000	General Fund, Operating Funds & Donations
Total for Year		\$315,000	
2019-2020	Pave access Road & parking lot at Sports Complex	\$100,000	General Fund, Operating Funds & Donations
	Beach Improvements and Floodplain stabilization at South Park	\$50,000	Grants, Donations, operating funds, & foundation grants
	Improve rustic trails, Construct Cabins, and install sewer hook-ups at South Park	\$75,000	DNR grant, Donations, operating funds, & foundation grants
	Furnishings for North & South Park	\$2,500	General Fund & Donations
	Electrical improvements to campsites at South Park	\$2,500	General Fund, Operating Funds & Donations
Total for Year		\$330,000	

Funding and Strategic Plan

The primary funder of recreation facilities for small municipalities is generally the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The main programs managed by the Department of Natural Resources are the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program, and Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Trust fund monies are made available from the sale of oil, gas, and mineral leases and royalties on State Lands. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund's goals are resource protection, water access, community recreation, urban recreation, and economic development. The Land and Water Conservancy funds are provided by the National Park Service for public outdoor recreation projects. The Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Passport Recreation Grant program may only be used for local development projects. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but the development of new parks is eligible. These programs provide sizable grants on a competitive basis statewide.

There are also numerous private foundations in the greater area. The Dow Foundation, Gerstacker Foundation, the Midland Area Community Foundation, Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, Deshano Community Foundation and the Seebeck Family Fund are examples. There are also grants available from Inland Fisheries Grants and Natural Heritage Small Grants that could be sources of funding for specific projects of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The other source of support, which has been amply evidenced by the Gladwin Community Arena, and Sports Complex, is private funds – individual, and corporate.

There are also grant monies available through the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for specific recreation programs. MDOT administers federal funds under the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Program. The categories of funded projects are:

- Non-motorized facilities: This includes pedestrians and bicycle facilities, preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including their conversion to pedestrian and bicycle trails) and safety and educational activities;
- Transportation aesthetic: This includes acquisition of scenic easements and scenic sites, scenic highway programs, landscaping and beautification, and control and removal of outdoor advertising;
- Water quality and wildlife mortality: This includes efforts to reduce water pollution due to highway runoff and efforts to reduce animal mortality and maintain wildlife habitat connectivity across transportation facilities;
- Historic preservation: This includes acquisition of historic sites, historic highway programs, historic preservation, rehabilitation of historic structures, archeological planning and research, and establishment of transportation museums.

Once the Recreation Plan is approved by the Gladwin City Council the Parks Commission will prepare a strategic plan, including grant applications to be prepared, in order to achieve the capital improvements as set forth in the plan.



Recreation Facilities Policies

Violations of any rule may result in revocation of camping permit or eviction from the park or both. Violation may also result in a criminal complaint being initiated.

Campground reservations are taken by telephone or mail for the current and following year only. There is no fee for advanced reservations. Although not guaranteed, an effort will be made to have the site reserved.

A person shall not engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, wanton, profane, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct; disturb or annoy others.

A person shall not use a loudspeaker or sound-amplifying equipment of any kind without permission from the Park Manager or Assistant Manager.

A person shall not dump, place, throw, or leave litter on the grounds or waters, except in containers provided. It is unlawful to place or dispose of garbage or refuse in park receptacles or dispose of garbage or refuse in park receptacles or dumpsters if the material originates from outside.

Dogs or other animals must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six feet in length. Dogs or animals may not be in the bathing beach area.

It is unlawful to possess glass containers in the bathing beach area.

It is unlawful to ride or allow horses or other riding animals within the park or campground without prior approval of the Park Manager.

A person shall not destroy, damage or remove city property, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses or vegetation.

It is unlawful to possess a firearm or bow and arrow. This does not apply to registered campers who are legally transporting hunting weapons. It is unlawful to discharge any device that propels a projectile by gas, air, spring, or rubber.

It is unlawful to drive at a speed in excess of ten miles per hour, to drive in an unsafe manner or to disobey traffic or parking signs.

It is unlawful to enter or remain in the park or campground between the hours of one-half-hour after sunset and 8 a.m. unless the person is a registered camper.

It is unlawful to store or leave a boat, trailer, camper or other property in the park or campground without permission from park staff.

It is unlawful to build fires except in designated fire pits and stove provided or grills approved by park staff.

It is unlawful to enter the campground with a vehicle unless you are a registered camper. Legitimate visitors to a specific campsite must advise park staff of their intent when entering the park.

Each campsite may be used by only one family or not more than four unrelated persons. Campers not part of a single family must at least 18 years old to register or occupy a campsite unless part of a chaperoned group, (i.e. scouts, cyclists, etc.).

only two motor vehicles may be placed on one campsite.

For complete list see City of Gladwin Ordinances, Title IX, Chapter 95: Parks And Recreation.

List of Community Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous
American Cancer Society
American Legion Post #171
Beaverton Business Association
Beaverton Community Center
Beaverton Youth Recreation Program
Big Boys Club of Gladwin County
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.-Gladwin County Chapter #174
Butman Township Neighborhood Watch
Clement Fire Association
Clement Ladies Fire Auxiliary
Council on Aging
Crime Stoppers of Gladwin County
Ducks Unlimited
Eagles, Fraternal Order #3292
Eagles, Fraternal Order #3655
Eagles, Fraternal Order #4121
Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary
Eastern Star, Order #84
Gladwin Area Friends of the Theatre
Gladwin Area Hockey Association
Gladwin Area Ministerial Association
Gladwin Area Youth Football League
Gladwin Athletic Association
Gladwin/Beaverton Bowling Association
Gladwin Business and Professional Association
Gladwin Common Ground
Gladwin Community Arena
Gladwin Council for the Arts
Gladwin County Democratic Party
Gladwin County Fair Association
Gladwin County Farm Bureau
Gladwin Area Artists Guild
Master Gardener
Gladwin County Historical Society
Gladwin Cooperative Nursery
Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce
Gladwin County Habitat for Humanity
Gladwin County React Team
Gladwin County Republican Party
Gladwin County Women's Club
Gladwin Little League
Gladwin Women's Slow Pitch League
Gladwin Women's Bowling Association
Golden Agers
Goodfellows
Grass Lake Community Civic Association, Inc.
Grass Lake Ladies Group
Hospice of Gladwin Area
Kiwanis Club of Gladwin
Knights of Columbus
Lions Club/Beaverton
Mason, F&AC #397
Mid Michigan Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency
Mid Michigan Visiting Nurses Association
Oddfellows, Independent Order of Rebekahs
Ross Lake Rods & Relics Car Club
Rotary Club
Sacred Heart Mission
Salvation Army
Ten Sixteen Recovery Network
Tobacco River Muzzleloaders Club
Veterans of Foreign Wars Gladwin County Post #7303
Veterans of Foreign Wars Gladwin County Post #11256
Wixom Lake Association
Pheasants Forever
Whitetails Live

A Recommended Classification System For Local and Regional Recreation Open Space

This classification system is intended to serve as a guide to planning—not as an absolute blueprint. Sometimes more than one component may occur within the same site (but not on the same parcel of land), particularly with respect to special uses within a regional park. Planners of park and recreation systems should be careful to provide adequate land for each functional component when this occurs.

The National Recreation and Park Association suggests that a park system, at a minimum, be composed of a “core” system of parklands, with a total of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. The size and amount of “adjunct” parklands will vary from community to community, but must be taken into account when considering a total, well-rounded system of parks and recreation areas.

COMPONENT	USE	SERVICE AREA	DESIRABLE SIZE	ACRES/1,000 POPULATION	DESIRABLE SITE CHARACTERISTICS
A. LOCAL/CLOSE –TO-HOME SPACE:					
Mini-Park	Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Less than ¼ mile radius.	1 acre or less	0.25 to 0.5 A	Within neighborhoods and in close proximity to apartment complexes, townhouse development or housing for the elderly.
Neighborhood Park/ Playground	Area for intense recreational activities, such as a field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, etc.	¼- to ½-mile radius to serve a population up to 5,000 (a neighborhood).	15+ acres	1.0 to 2.0 A	Suited for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood population, geographically centered with safe walking and bike access. May be developed as a school park facility.
Community Park	Area of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes, or large swimming pools. May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, or picnicking. May be any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.	Several neighborhoods. 1 to 2 mile radius.	25+ acres	5.0 to 8.0 A	May include natural features, such as water bodies, and areas suited for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood served.
TOTAL CLOSE-TO-HOME SPACE = 6.25-10.5 A/1,000					

COMPONENT	USE	SERVICE AREA	DESIRABLE SIZE	ACRES/1,000 POPULATION	DESIRABLE SITE CHARACTERISTICS
B. REGIONAL SPACE:					
Regional/Metropolitan Park	Areas of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and trail uses; may include play areas.	Several communities. 1 hour driving time.	200+ acres	5.0 to 10.0 A	Contiguous to or encompassing natural resources.
Regional Park Reserve	Area of natural quality for nature-oriented outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitat, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping, and trail uses. May include active play areas. Generally, 80% of the land is reserved for conservation and natural resource management, with less than 20% used for recreation development.	Several Communities. 1 hour driving time.	1,000+ acres; sufficient area to encompass the resource to be preserved and managed.	Variable	Diverse or unique natural resources, such as lakes, streams, marshes, flora, fauna, or topography.
TOTAL REGIONAL SPACE = 15-20 A/1,000					
C. SPACE THAT MAY BE LOCAL OR REGIONAL AND IS UNIQUE TO EACH COMMUNITY:					
Linear Park	Area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, canoeing and pleasure driving. May include active play areas. (NOTE: any included for any of above components may occur in the "linear park").	No applicable standard.	Sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum use.	Variable	Built or natural corridors, such as utility rights-of-way, bluff lines, vegetation patterns, and roads, that link other components of the recreation system or community facilities, such as school, libraries, commercial areas, and other park areas.
Special Use	Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, marinas, zoos, conservatories, arboreta, display gardens, arenas, outdoor theaters, gun ranges, or downhill ski areas, or areas that preserve, maintain, and interpret buildings, sites, and objects of archeological significance. Also plazas or squares in or near commercial centers, boulevards, or parkways.	No applicable standard.	Variable depending on desired size.	Variable	Within communities.

COMPONENT	USE	SERVICE AREA	DESIRABLE SIZE	ACRES/1,000 POPULATION	DESIRABLE SITE CHARACTERISTICS
Conservancy	Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment with recreation use as a secondary objective.	No applicable standard.	Sufficient to protect the resource.	Variable	Variable, depending on the resource being protected.

Suggested Facility Development Standards

Source: Roger A. Lancaster, Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines.
Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, pp. 60-61.

Activity/ Facility	Recommended Space Requirements	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Orientation	No. of Units Per Population	Service Radius	Location Notes
Badminton	1620 sq. ft.	Singles – 17'x44' Doubles – 20'x44' With 5' unobstructed area on all sides	Long axis north- south.	1 per 5,000	¼ - ½ mile	Usually in school, recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or bike access.
Basketball 1. Youth 2. High School 3. Collegiate	2400-3036 sq. ft. 5040-7280 sq. ft. 5600-7980 sq. ft.	46' -50'x84' 50'x84' 50'x94' with 5' unobstructed space on all sides.	Long axis north- south.	1 per 5,000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
Handball (3-4 wall)	800 sq. ft. for 4- wall. 1000 sq. ft. for 3- wall	20'x40' – Minimum of 10' to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20' overhead clearance.	Long axis north- south. Front wall at north end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	4-wall usually indoor as part of multi- purpose facility. 3- wall usually outdoor in park or school setting.
Ice Hockey	22,000 sq. ft. including support area.	Rink 85'x200' (minimum 85'x185'. Additional 5,000 sq. ft. support area).	Long axis north- south if outdoor.	Indoor – 1 per 100,000. Outdoor – depends on climate.	½ - 1 hour travel time	Climate important considerations affecting number of units. Best as part of multi-purpose facility.
Tennis	Minimum of 7,200 sq. ft. single court. (2 acres for complex.)	36'x78'. 12' clearance on both sides; 21' clearance on both ends.	Long axis north- south.	1 court per 2, 000	¼ - ½ mile	Best in batteries of 2- 4. Located in neighborhood/commu- nity park or adjacent to school site.
Volleyball	Minimum of 4, 000 sq. ft.	30'x60'. Minimum 6' clearance on all sides.	Long axis north- south.	1 court per 5,000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as other court activities (e.g. badminton, basketball, etc.)
Baseball 1. Official 2. Little League	3.0-3.85 A minimum 1.2 A minimum	•Baselines - 90' Pitching distance - 60½' Foul lines - min. 320' Center field - 400'+ •Baseline – 60' Pitching distance – 46' Foul lines – 200' Center field – 200'-250'	Locate home plate so pitcher throwing across sun and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitcher's mound run east- northeast.	1 per 5, 000	¼ - ½ mile	Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.
Field Hockey	Minimum 1.5 A	180'x300' with a minimum of 10' clearance on all sides.	Fall season-long axis northwest to southeast. For longer periods, north to south.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of baseball, football, or soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.

Activity/ Facility	Recommended Space Requirements	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Orientation	No. of Units Per Population	Service Radius	Location Notes
Football	Minimum 1.5 A	160'x360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Same as field hockey
Soccer	1.7 to 2.1 A	195' to 225'x330' to 360' with a 10' minimum clearance on all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.
Golf-Driving Range	13.5 A for minimum of 25 tees	900'x690' wide. Add 12' width for each additional tee.	Long axis southwest/northeast with golfer driving toward northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of golf course complex as a separate unit. May be privately operated.
¼-Mile Running Track	4.3 A	Overall width – 276' Length – 600.02' Track width for 8 to 4 lanes is 32'.	Long axis in sector from north to south to northwest/southeast with finish line at northerly end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of high school or in community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.
Softball	1.5 to 2.0 A	Baselines – 60' Pitching distance – 46' min., 40' – women Fast pitch field radius from plate – 225' Slow pitch – 275' (men), 250' (women)	Same as baseball.	1 per 50,000 (if also used for youth baseball)	¼ - ½ mile	Slight difference in dimensions for 16" slow pitch. May be used for youth baseball.
Multiple Recreation Court (basketball, volleyball, tennis)	9,840 sq. ft.	120'x80'	Long axis of courts with primary use is north-south.	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	
Trails	N/A	Well defined head, maximum 10' width, maximum average grade 5% not to exceed 15%. Capacity rural trails - 40 hikers/day/mile. Urban trails – 90 hikers/day/mile.	N/A	1 system per region	N/A	
Archery Range	Minimum 0.65 A	300' length x minimum 10' wide between targets. Roped clear space on sides of range minimum of 30' clear space behind targets, minimum of 90'x45' with bunker.	Archer facing north + or – 45 degrees.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of a regional/metro park complex.
Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 station)	Minimum 30 A	All walks and structures occur within an area approximately 130' wide by 115' deep. Minimum cleared area is contained within two superimposed segments with 100-yard radii (4 acres). Shot-fall	Centerline of length runs northeast/southwest with shooter racing northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of regional/metro park complex.

Activity/ Facility	Recommended Space Requirements	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Orientation	No. of Units Per Population	Service Radius	Location Notes
		danger zone is contained within two superimposed segments with 300-yard radii (36 acres).				
Golf 1. Par 3 (18-hole) 2. 9-hole standard 3. 18-hole standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-60 A • Minimum 50 A • Minimum 110 A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average length-vary 600-2700 yards • Average length-2250 yards • Average length-6500 yards 	Majority of holes on north-south axis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - - • 1/25,000 • 1/50,000 	½ to 1 hour travel time	9-hole course can accommodate 350 people/day. 18-hole course can accommodate 500-550 people a day. Course may be located in community or district park, but should not be over 20 miles from population center.
Swimming Pools	Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually ½ to 2 A site.	Teaching – minimum of 25 yards x 45’ even depth of 3 to 4 feet. Competitive – minimum of 25m x 16m. Minimum of 27 square feet of water surface per swimmer. Ratios of 2:1, deck vs. water.	None-although care must be taken in siting of lifeguard stations in relation to afternoon sun.	1 per 20,000 (Pools should accommodate 3 to 5% of total population at a time.)	15 to 30 minutes travel time	Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching, competitive, and recreational purposes with enough depth (3.4m) to accommodate 1m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site.
Beach Areas	N/A	Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and 50 sq. ft. of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be a 3-4 A supporting land per A of beach.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Should have sand bottom with slope a maximum of 5% (flat preferable). Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas.

DNR Grants List



Grants Management
Department of Natural Resources

Monday, December 15, 2014

Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Gladwin

Project No. 26-00964

Project Year: 1977

Project Title: Gladwin City Park

Gladwin South City Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$14,000.00

Project Description: Develop : picnic shelter, and LWCF sign
State Park, but was transferred to the city in 1986.

Condition of Shelter is good
NOTE: This was originally Gladwin

Project No. TF90-329

Project Year: 1990

Project Title: Riverfront Development

Gladwin North Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$97,500.00

Element

Element

8 foot paved walkway

Skating rink

Pedestrian bridges (2)

Flexible conduit for walk

Swimming area

Parking lot

Sledding hill

Condition of all elements is good

Project Description: Construct a paved walkway with pedestrian bridge, parking, swimming area, sledding hill and skating rink.

Project No. TF00-329

Project Year: 2000

Project Title: North-South Park Riverwalk

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$139,889.00

Element

12' Wide Hard Surface Trail

Bridges (2)

Condition of trail is good

Project Description: Installation of a 12-foot wide, 2,060-foot long hard-surface pathway connecting North City Park and South City Park along Cedar River.



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Gladwin

Project No. 26-01687

Project Year: 2008

Project Title: Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements

Gladwin South City Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$42,200.00

Element

Element

Pave upper campsites roadway

Campgrounds

Upgrade electrical service and water to campsites

LWCF Plaque

Water Service

Condition of all elements is good

Paving of Road

Landscaping

Project Description: Pave upper campsites roadway, upgrade electrical service, and provide water to campsites at Gladwin City Park and Campground.

Project No. TF09-051

Project Year: 2009

Project Title: Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements

Gladwin South City Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$200,000.00

Element

Element

Pave upper campsites roadway

Accessible viewing dock

Upgrade electrical service

Accessible restroom

Provide water to campsites

Playground equipment

Resurface tennis courts

Concrete sidewalk

A2XDL Mobi-Mat installation

2 Cabins

Condition of all elements is good

Concrete pads for accessible lots

Demo tennis courts & construct 1 tennis court

Project Description: Development to include handicapped accessible restroom, accessible platform over Cedar River, walkway, water and electric in the campground area, tennis court resurfacing, and roadway replacement.

PARKS COMMISSION

January 26, 2015 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Dee Jungman, Nancy Bodnar, Don Kehoe, Sarah Kile, Mike Drey, Barb Weaver, Deb Platt, Dan Svetcos
Absent: None
Also Present: Tim Ferrell, Parks Manager; Yvette Keast, GAFT, Bob Moffit
Guest: Scott Bell from Lapham Associates.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jungman at 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Svetcos, supported by Bodnar to approve the minutes of Special Meetings of December 2, 2014 and January 15, 2014 with correction of Sarah Kile's name. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussions:

Scott Bell from Lapham Associates covered the capital improvement schedule.

North Park Pavilion needs painting.

The possibility of movies shown in the amphitheater, selling popcorn and hot dogs. Food sales will require a permit.

Putting in shuffleboard.

"Rock the Park" – having young bands come in and play.

Poker run with bicycles from North Park to South Park.

Putting in a BMX track behind the skate park.

We need to WiFi in the park.

Doing a survey for people to suggest different things they would like to see in the park.

Cross country ski trails through the parks.

An Ice Carnival/Winterfest in the park.

Budget needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Kile, supported by Bodnar to approve the Resolution for the Recreation Plan for the City of Gladwin for 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Svetcos, supported by Kehoe to approve GAFT temporarily extending the stage inside the Community Center. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kehoe, supported by Svetcos to approve the request by Mid Michigan Community Action Agency to use the small Pavilion on May 30, 2015 and to waive all fees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bodnar supported by Weaver. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Deb Platt, Secretary

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION
PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GLADWIN 2015

Whereas, the City of Gladwin has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of the residents during the five year period from 2015 to 2019; and,

Whereas, the City of Gladwin began the process of developing a plan amendment in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources; and,

Whereas, the residents of the City of Gladwin were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan; and,

Whereas, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least Thirty days.

Now, therefore, be it resolved the City of Gladwin Parks Commission hereby approves the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Gladwin 2015 and recommends its adoption by the City Council.

Upon motion made by Sarah Kile, seconded by Nancy Bodnar, the above Resolution was adopted:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jungman, Kehoe, Bodnar, Platt, Svetcos, Kile, Drey and Weaver	None	None

I, Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin City Parks Commission at its meeting thereof held this 26th day of January, 2015.

Signature: Bonnie S. Klein

Dated: February 19, 2015

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

*Notice of Comments on 2015 Community Recreation Plan
In the matter of Gladwin City Hall*

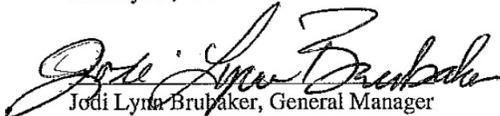
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STATE OF MICHIGAN ss
COUNTY OF GLADWIN

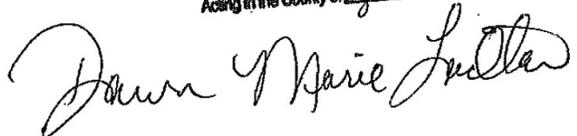
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January 21, 2015


Jodi Lynn Brubaker, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn before me this
21st day of January 2015

DAWN MARIE LAIDLAW
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Gladwin
My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 2019
Acting in the County of Gladwin



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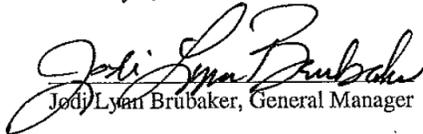
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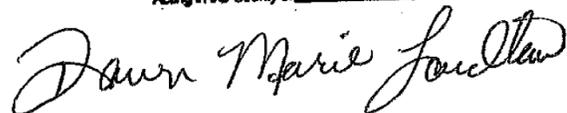
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February 4, 2015


Jodi Lynn Brubaker, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn before me this
4th day of February 2015

DAWN MARIE LAIDLAW
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Gladwin
My Commission Expires Jun. 13, 2019
Acting in the County of *Gladwin*



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

*Notice to Amend Date Change – 2015 Community Recreation Plan
In the matter of Gladwin City*

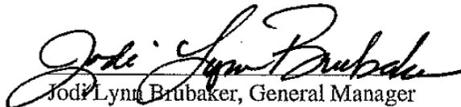
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(Date Change)**

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January 28, 2015


Jodi Lynn Brubaker, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn before me this
28th day of January 2015

DAWN MARIE LAIDLAW
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Gladwin
My Commission Expires Jun. 13, 2019
Acting in the County of Gladwin





1000 West Cedar Avenue
Gladwin, Michigan 48624
Telephone: (989) 426-9231
Fax: (989) 426-6942

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GLADWIN 2015

- Whereas, the City of Gladwin has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of the residents during the five year period from 2015 to 2019; and,
- Whereas, the City of Gladwin began the process of developing a plan amendment in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources; and,
- Whereas, the residents of the City of Gladwin were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan; and,
- Whereas, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least Thirty days; and,
- Whereas, a public hearing was held on February 16, 2015 at City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Gladwin 2015; and,
- Whereas, after the public hearing the City Council voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan for the City of Gladwin 2015.

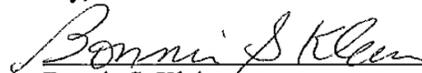
Now, therefore, be it resolved the City of Gladwin Council hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Gladwin 2015.

Upon motion made by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Crawford,

Roll Call Vote:

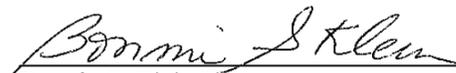
YEAS: Gardner, Mienk, Jungman, Smith, Crawford, Stout, Bodnar
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Caffrey

Resolution declared adopted this the 16th day of February, 2015



Bonnie S. Klein

I, Bonnie S. Klein, Clerk of the City of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin City Council at its meeting thereof held this 16th day of February, 2015 at 5:00 PM.



Bonnie S. Klein

February 16, 2014
Gladwin, Michigan

The Regular Meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Winarski at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Lori Stout, Nancy Bodnar, Tom Mienk, Dee Jungman, Dave Crawford, Roger Gardner, Mike Smith

Absent: John Caffrey

Staff Present: Bob Moffit, Bonnie Klein

Also Present: Mayor Thomas L. Winarski, George & Polly Alward, Officer Eric Killian, Dan Svetcos, Pastor Andrew Dear, Doug Jacobson.

Mayor Winarski led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation was given by Pastor Andrew Dear.

Public Hearing:

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford to open the Public Hearing for the Recreation Plan. All ayes. Motion carried. George Alward is in great support of the Recreation Plan. Dan Svetcos thinks it is a great idea.

Motion made by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Mienk to close the Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion Carried

Minutes of the February 2, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Jungman to approve Warrant #15-023 in the amount of \$57,167.014 and payroll in the amount of \$51,548.20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Officer Eric Killian – Chief Duane Bean recently attended a conference in which the use of body cameras was a topic of discussion. The Police Department purchased one camera at a cost of \$100 for testing. Officer Killian has tried it out and it works really well in the day time but the current camera does not offer high enough resolution for at night. Officer Hale used it at a call at the hospital with a disorderly person. The Police Department was able to download the video at the office to confirm what had happened. Two more low resolution cameras and a high resolution camera for at night were ordered for \$600.00